



General membership meeting

Sept. 28, 2019 10a.m.

Location and host: University of Incarnate Word, member Margaret Garcia

Minutes taken by Secretary Krista Torralva

Present: Vice President Silvia Foster-Frau, Treasurer Laura Garcia, At-large print Tony Quesada, At-large communications Jeannette Garcia, At-large broadcast Mary Melton, Elaine Ayala, Joey Palacios, Michael Mercer, Gabrielle Yanez, Antonio Bocanegra II, Michael Valdez, Aaron Cantu, Karla Bello-Mondrago, Yolanda Haymon

Discussion of committees.

Joey said the association used to have a workshops committee but that could fall in existing committees. A UIW student suggested a mentorship program. Laura suggested an event mixer to pair mentors and students. Margaret offered hosting a mixer at UIW. The association discussed keeping such a program under professional development and student activities, which is a duty of the secretary, with hopes of growing the program. Tony made a motion, seconded by Margaret and all in favor approved it.

Publicity Chair Jeannette

Members: Krista and Nikiza

Professional development and student activities chair Krista

Members: Margaret and Tony

Bylaw chair Diana

Members: Jeannette, Joey

***Run finance committee creation by Nora. Laura Garcia suggested creating and chairing.

Membership chair Silvia

Members: Yolanda and Mary

Email members to announce solicitations and include every chair and contact info

Laura Garcia gives a treasurer's report.

As of the meeting, five sponsors still owed SAAHJ for the gala for a total of \$9,250.

We are still waiting on final hotel costs with an expected refund. The association spent \$61,832.40 without the amount of the refund.

The hotel has communicated the refund will be about \$27,000, however, Joey said after looking at the itemized bill, he anticipates a refund around \$15,000. The total amount paid by the association when the refund comes back should be about \$57,051.25.

We had about 100 fewer attendees to the gala compared to the 2018 gala.

In our gala account/foundation account we have \$92,471.65, not including a check from WellMed for about \$95.

Regarding other finances, we have in our operations account for meetings and events \$2,765.94

We recently received an invoice from our CPA for \$750. Joey emailed our CPA to inquire what this is for. For 2017, we paid the CPA more than \$3,000. We are looking at paying \$3,500-\$4,000 to the CPA this November. Laura is going to reach out to Dianna Vasquez, a CPA referred to us by Elaine Ayala.

Tony Quesada gives a scholarship report.

Last year, the association gave \$40,000 in scholarships. This year, we gave 14 scholarships. Applications are not open yet for next year and we have not yet set a deadline. Deadline is usually in March.

Krista and Jeannette give update on event planning for November event.

Discussion of finding incentives for members. Discussion over whether the venue is large enough.

Announcements from members.

- Joey reminds us TPR's place drive is in two weeks
- Elaine informed us longtime member Michael Quintanilla is having his gal bladder removed. The association voted to send flowers to Michael's hospital room.
- Board member Mary Melton found out she was nominated for two Lonestar Emmys.
- Elaine suggested considering a lifetime membership option to help replenish our operating account. Discussion around the membership and bylaws committees coordinating on this.

Tony Quesada motions to adjourn. Joey Palacios seconds. All approved.