

TCPAAA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 11, 2009

Embassy Suites San Marcos

Meeting was called to order with Pledge of Allegiance at 10:40 a.m. by President Ben Hernandez. James Long led the group in prayer. Those present were: Ben Hernandez/Dickinson, David Miller/Pearland, Joe Munoz/Austin PD, Dorris Murdock/Garland, Charlotte Thomas/Bastrop, Marlynn Melara/Cedar Park, James Long/Region Two Sworn, Roger Anderson/Region Two, Evalyn Phillips/Liberty County, Jeanne Canales/Sugar Land, Dolores Gant/Pearland, Sandi Miller/Pearland, Calvin Walker/Region One, LaVonne Walker/Region One, John Davis/Region Three, Marcie Davis/Region Three Temple, Barbara Pritchard/Bryan, Lee Pausky/College Station, Mary Jo Prince/College Station, McBride Wilson/San Marcos, Greg Wurzbach/San Marcos, Bob Klett/San Marcos PD, Ursula Klocke/Austin

Old Business:

Meeting Minutes – Motion to accept corrected minutes made by Dorris Murdock, seconded by James Long. Motion Carried

Treasurer's Report – given by Marlynn Melara; bank balance \$851.19. Treasurer was asked by Dorris Murdock about expenses not on report. She was informed no expenses had come to the board. Marlynn also reported the bank account had been opened at Prosperity Bank.

Sign In Sheet replaces Roll Call

New Business:

2010 Convention: Mary Jo Prince/College Station reported the Bryan, College Station PD, and Brazos County had held a first ever joint meeting to discuss the 2010 convention issues. Dates are August 11-13 at the Hilton Hotel Complex with the assistance of the Convention Visitors Bureau. They will be taking registrations at a registration rally on Wednesday night. Banquet will be Friday night. Ben Hernandez asked if the Governor might be a speaker at the convention. He also suggested a letter writing campaign in attempt to get the governor to attend, and acknowledge our work to support law enforcement.

2012 Convention Bid: Dorris Murdock reported we have no bids at this time. David Miller made a motion that Dorris Murdock form a committee to solicit convention interest in different cities. Motion was seconded by Charlotte Thomas. Motion carried.

Delegates Meeting – Discussion regarding the Delegates Meeting and the Agenda followed. There was considerable discussion on the process of election of officers with complaints that had been voiced from Region One regarding the process. Dorris Murdock made a motion that all members at the Delegates Meeting be able to vote on election candidates. Motion seconded by Joe Munoz. Motion carried. Joe Munoz also made a motion that for election of officers that there be a ballot so everyone attending the convention could vote on the election candidates. This ballot would be passed out at the end of the Delegates Meeting and convention attendees would have from one hour after until three hours before the banquet to vote. Results would be announced at the banquet. Joe Munoz stated there had been a ballot box at the state convention held in Austin. Roger Anderson seconded motion. Motion carried with some members voting against this process. Delegates would be the only ones voting on all other issues.

Policies and Procedures Manual - David Miller passed out a policies and procedures manual he had drawn up. This will be presented to the Delegates Meeting to be voted on by Delegates attending.

Answering Emails – Charlotte Thomas read from Minutes of September 17, 2005, where the Communication Policy was adopted. Copies of the Communication Policy was passed out to everyone and they were asked to adhere to it.

Bylaws – David Miller brought attention to Section 4.2.3 of the bylaws and made a motion to change the word “may” to “shall”. Motion seconded by Charlotte Thomas. Motion carried. David Miller also called attention to Section 4.4.10. David Miller asked permission to rewrite and get this portion to Charlotte Thomas to be included in the bylaws that will be presented to the delegates at the Delegates Meeting. He also brought attention to Section 5.6.3 Duties and Responsibilities of the 3rd Vice President. Mr. Miller asked permission to rewrite this section. Ben Hernandez stated he would consult with Joe Munoz as this is his position since Joe had to leave the meeting early.

Exhibit Hall Table for TCPAAA – Dorris Murdock told the board this table would be next to the front door. Charlotte Thomas stated Region Three has a table and was intent on helping the state table also.

- 1. Items to sell – clothing** – Dorris Murdock asked to be able to inventory all merchandise so we would have an accurate count of what we have. This to include items from Region Three, Region Two and Region One. It was also stated David Jusiewicz would be returning merchandize in his possession in time for the convention. Dorris Murdock asked to be able to inventory that merchandise if it did reach us.
- 2. Ways to make money at this table** – Dorris Murdock and David Miller presented a national flag that had been flown over the capital and described a Texas flag that were in cases to be auctioned at the convention. Texas Flag had been flown over the capital also.

Who is going to work this table? – Charlotte Thomas offered to do a schedule and asked for the Region Three table to be next to the state table. She also reminded everyone if they were on the schedule they should be there to work that part of the schedule.

Merchandise Inventory – whose responsibility is this? – Dorris Murdock took responsibility for this item.

Fund Raising – Dorris Murdock stated she did not really have time to do this project, and suggested it may be better handled by Joe Munoz. Ben Hernandez stated he would take this up with Joe Munoz.

Board Support – This item was dropped

Nominations Committee Report – Charlotte Thomas presented the board with a slate of nominees for the offices of 2nd Vice President, 4th Vice President, Treasurer, and Sergeant at Arms. The Sergeant at Arms position was to have been on the ballot at the 2008 convention in Wichita Falls and it was not. It is being added this year with the Sergeant At Arms position being up for reelection in the same years as all this year’s nominees. Considerable discussion followed about the ballots and how they should be completed.

Awards – Dorris Murdock stated the committee would be meeting immediately after the board meeting to determine the winners of the Ray Ramon, Bill Ennis, Alumni Membership, and Alumni Member of the Year awards.

Letter from Bill Dixon/Wichita Falls – This item was skipped as it had been handled.

3rd Vice President Position – What are the duties and responsibilities for that position. – This item skipped as Ben Hernandez to get clarification from Joe Munoz.

Communication Policy - Charlotte Thomas read from the Minutes of September 17, 2005, where the Communication Policy had been adopted. A copy was presented to each member and they were asked to adhere to this policy.

Post Office Box - Charlotte Thomas gave a report of her contact with the post office box. The cost is \$220.00 per year. She also offered her office address as an alternative to the post office box. Dorris Murdock made a motion to use Charlotte's office address and discontinue use of the post office box when it expires in August. Motion seconded by Marlynn Melara. Motion carried. Dorris Murdock also made a motion to pay Charlotte Thomas for the expense incurred for the post office box. Ben Hernandez made this an action item.

Scholarship – Charlotte Thomas reported to the board she has communication from one association with a student interested in the Scholarship Program. Discussion followed regarding no application or information for this item.

Sales Tax – David Miller reported on his attendance at another conference where he obtained and investigated the Guidelines to Texas Tax Exemptions. This report was discussed and a copy given to Charlotte Thomas for her inclusion in the 501(c)3 class at convention.

Media Opportunities – Ben Hernandez asked if there is any media opportunity to publicize our state association. He stated we should have objectives of: Sponsored Chair, talk to large corporations, Fundraisers and the possibility of a membership map.

Special Yearly Meeting – Dorris Murdock suggested we have a special meeting once a year and invite anyone with complaints or concerns. There would be no business conducted. The guests would be able to establish any concerns about the way the association does business. Charlotte Thomas suggested a round table at the convention as travel to Buffalo would be an issue for many people in the state. Here they could do the same thing, and members of the board should be at this round table.

Open Session: Evalyn Phillips stated she had attended the academy in Montgomery County (and become a member there). She also stated they were not happy with the \$10 membership and wanted know what we do for them. Charlotte Thomas offered to send them the report she had done on this question to another group.

Jeanne Canales stated she agreed with Charlotte that there had been handheld computer voting machines at the Austin convention and not a ballot box. **Sandi Miller** asked about the ballot bins that had been suggested for anyone who is nominated. She also offered to assist Charlotte with the ballots. She also suggested that we provide resources for those who are concerned about what we do for them, and that we represent you.

Delores Gant stated she thought we should get the board off the nominating committee. **Marcie Davis** stated she believes the board does a great job and should be treated as such.

Charlotte Thomas made a motion to adjourn, motion was seconded by Dorris Murdock. Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.