

TTU/TTHSC LATINO/HISPANIC FACULTY and STAFF ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF MEMBERSHIP MEETING
College of Engineering Building
November 9, 2010

Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 12:10 p.m. by President Rosa Gallegos who welcomed everyone. Everyone in attendance introduced themselves. Present at the meeting were Neale Pearson, Janie Ramirez, Ysidro Gutierrez, Beatrice Perez, Jerry Perez, Leticia L. DeLarrosa, Minerva Alaniz, Rafael Riojas, Marc Morales, Elma Moreno, Francisco Amador, Walt Oher, Tayler Claudio, Jose Valenciano, John Rivera, Jeremy Cortez, Margaret Ceja, Lori Ann Ortiz-Guerrero, Louise Sanders, Kathrin Dodds, Esther DeLeon, and Gloria Barron.

Budget Update

Rosa provided an update of the budget. She is still handling the Wells Fargo account and Lori is handling the TTU account. As of 10/29/10 – Wells Fargo checking account has \$1819.51 and Wells Fargo savings account has \$300.03. We incurred the following expenses for the *coffee and donuts* socials – \$64.39 (September), \$48.95 (October), and \$44.46 (November); had to order checks and the expense was \$61.77, and sponsored HLSA with membership BBQ social in the amount of \$100.00. Total expenses were \$319.57. Rosa also reported that she has \$65 cash in the money bag change. Lori reported that the Tech Account has \$907.00 and with a commitment of \$200 for the *Graduate Student Back to School Fall Social*.

Minutes

Minutes for the October 12th, 2010, membership meeting were previously emailed for review. Janie moved that the minutes be approved as printed. Neale seconded. Motion passed.

Members 2010-2011

Rosa reported that as of October 29, 2010, we have 30 paid members and a list of the members was provided on the agenda.

Committee Updates

Events Committee

Leticia (chair of the Events Committee) gave an update. She reported that we had three new members as a result of the first *coffee and donuts* social but none at the other two socials. There was a lot of marketing by current members.

Rosa reported that the *Graduate Students Back to School Fall Social* has been rescheduled for November 19th from 5:00 – 6:30 at the TTUHSC Academic Classroom Building Foyer. Everyone should have received her notice via email.

Leticia reminded everyone that *Las Posadas* is scheduled for Wednesday, December 1st, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. in the Croslin Room of the TTU Library. She has been submitting the announcement to *TechAnnounce* every week. Lots of members are bringing food. She encouraged anyone who is able to help set up to show up around 3:30. Kent is working on a poster which will be distributed. Feel free to forward to family, friends, coworkers, etc. Minerva provided a history of the past events. Send either Rosa or Leticia an email if you have any questions.

Marketing

Kent is working on a poster for *Las Posadas* but is waiting on some information before he can finish it.

Newsletter

Rosa encouraged everyone to take a look to see if they signed up for the newsletter committee. If so, to schedule a meeting, appoint a chair, and begin working on the newsletter.

Recruitment

Lori reported on the New Employee Orientation which she attended. Jose Valenciano encourages others to attend any of the upcoming orientations. Elma distributed a draft of the *Calendar-at-a-Glance* which she prepared and will email to everyone. The calendar includes the days and locations for upcoming orientations.

Website

Report was not available since Kenny was unable to attend the meeting.

Presentation

Since this meeting was sponsored by the College of Engineering, Dr. Walter Oler talked about efforts being made to recruit a diverse group to the College of Engineering which was followed by a presentation by Frank Amador, President of the Society for Hispanic Professional Engineers. For more information you can visit <http://www.orgs.ttu.edu/shpe/>

Announcements

Esther DeLeon announced that her cousin, Augustine Medina, is trying to get a committee going to discuss the future of the Hispanic Cultural Center. Fiestas del Llano will hold a meeting scheduled for this Saturday, November 13th, at 8:00 a.m. at Plains National Bank. For more information about attending this meeting or supporting this cause please contact Augustine at augustinemedina@hotmail.com or musicmng@yahoo.com.

Jerry Perez announced that at the Staff Senate meeting, President Guy Bailey announced the formation of a Leadership Academy to encourage local TTU employees to apply for future open executive positions. He stated that they plan on asking supervisors and directors to nominate employees to attend. I challenged President Bailey on this idea. I told him that I was the President Elect of LHFSa and that we need to be able to view the selection process because using supervisors and directors to nominate the employees is a BAD IDEA. I told him this is the reason why we have Latino office assistants with Masters Degrees/PhDs. This is no good!

Neale Pearson announced that on Friday, December 3rd, a *Piñata Fest* (Fiesta de Piñatas) will be held at the old men's gym, following the *Carol of Lights* activities. The *Carol of Lights* starts at approximately 7:00 p.m. and will be over at about 7:45 p.m. because there is a Choral Concert scheduled at 8:00 p.m. The men's gym is located on the East Side of the campus on the Inner Loop Northeast of the Civil Engineering Building and Southwest of the tennis courts and inflatable basketball and track facility (Big White Bubble). It is also a family event, so you can bring your children, nephews-nieces, nietos. Hot chocolate and cookies are usually served.

There being no further business, Margie moved and Lori seconded the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for December 14th at noon at the College of Mass Communications to be hosted by Kent Wilkinson.

Respectfully submitted,
Elma Moreno
Secretary