

San Marcos Association

Minutes for the April 19th, 2012 Board Meeting

Meeting was called to Order at Helen Boyce's house at 6:15 P.M.

Members present: Walter Wait, Isolde wait, Helen Boyce, Nye Smith, Les Hancock, and Van Bulf. Guest: State Representative Brian Egolf.

We were all treated to Helen's magnificent carrot soup.

Since the March Minutes were distributed via E-Mail to all board members, they were not read at the meeting. Likewise the treasurer's report. Wait reported that the Association has a current balance of \$488.68 and would need at least \$1200 to produce its planned December Newsletter. Helen stated that it looked like we would have to hold a Garage Sale this year in order to raise enough funds to produce the Newsletter.

Wait introduced State Representative Brian Egolf to the group and a round of introductions was initiated.

Wait stated that there was no activity from the United Communities in terms of its participation in the development of the new County Code. The Code developers had asked for two months to complete a draft that could be distributed and commented upon. We expect such a draft in June.

The Discussion turned to our new form of free memberships. The current paid "sponsoring" memberships will be retained. The group discussed adding a free membership block in the Web page, and producing a membership sign-up sheet to be distributed at all of our local businesses. Both efforts would stress the need to establish a "voice" for the San Marcos District.

Nei suggested that the Board members should have business cards that could be passed out to prospective members. Wait asked Les to produce the "artwork" and that he would produce the cards on his laser printer.

Wait then turned the meeting over to State representative Egolf, who is running unopposed for a second term as the District 47 representative. Egolf suggested that the Association might build community involvement by hosting a community barbeque in a "greet your neighbor" event. He also suggested that a raffle might work as a way to attract members. We could use the raffle as an incentive to "sign up" our "free-members".

Nei suggested that we might be able to raffle off a piece of Jewelry. Any offers?

Egold then introduced himself and gave us some background. A native Santa Fean, he studied law at Georgetown, is married, and has two children. He is specifically focused in making New Mexico a place where “his kids can raise their kids”. He is unhappy that so many of our New Mexico Children have to move to other States to find work. He is currently the chairman of the energy and natural resources commission, and spends much of his time with water conservation, energy and conservation issues. Once his presentation was finished Egold opened the meeting to questions.

The board members provide their views on many issues including large development, limiting oil and gas exploration and development, surface owners rights, protecting Santa Fe County’s oil and gas regulation from being “trumped” by State Regulation, water issues, long term damage to surface owners, etc. We discussed how county clerks record surface deeds, and how difficult it is for a surface owner to track and procure subsurface rights.

The discussion ended up with Egold outlining various methods for obtaining funding for local project funding with a special emphasis on how the New Mexico Finance Authority offers a single bond issue, where funding goes to NMFA- who then distributes it to Countys. He suggested that we look at the Finance Authority Web Site for more information.

Representative Egold, having other commitments, left the meeting with our thanks and appreciation.

Les Hancock then gave a brief report on the status of both our Web site and our Facebook page. All is well. Wait asked him if he would explore the possibility of using Google Maps tools to create “way point” information for our area and attach the maps to our web site. This, as a result of the Turquoise Trail Preservation trust meeting discussions held on April 16th, where mile markers would become important interpretive tools for visitors traveling through our area.

Wait reported that Lititia Montoya, candidate for County Clerk, had asked to visit with us at our next meeting and that Jack Sullivan, candidate for State Senate, District 39, had contacted us to ask for our support. Mr. Sullivan served on the Santa Fe County Commission from 2001 to 2008. His web site is www.jacksullivanforsenate.com.

Wait stated that the County Commission voted to establish a new Solid Waste Advisory Commission and that he had been asked to serve on the board.

Wait briefly went over the results of the TTPT board meeting , distributed a new “color

Me New Mexico” coloring book, and reported on the results of a meeting held by Archie Tew, and Walter Wait with County representatives on a proposed site for a senior center for our area. Archie, who is lead on this initiative, will hopefully be able to give us a follow up at the next meeting.

Meeting ended at 8:20 PM.