

NATIONAL LATINO PEACE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, August 21, 2007

OGGI'S PIZZA at LIBERTY STATION

Members Present:

President Carlos Medina, First Vice-President Alan Alvarez, Second Vice-President Jerry Hara, Secretary Joe Howie, Parliamentarian Marcella McLaughlin, Historian Roberto Ruiz, Associate Manager Jose Cuervo, Correspondence Secretary Nina Medina and Members Linda Garcia, Lawanda Fisher, Art Perea, George Cesena and Ilene Gonzalez.

Call to Order:

President Carlos Medina called the membership meeting to order at 5:40 pm. He led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Proceedings:

I. President's Report:

President Medina said he spoke with Monica Calderon of Hogar y Casa Magazine regarding our association. Member Miguel Rosario also spoke with her. She was inquiring about our association's activities. An article in the magazine might be forthcoming.

President Medina met with President Bill Nemic of the San Diego Police Officers Association (SDPOA) and spoke with him regarding our association's use of their facility for membership meetings. This is a cost savings endeavor. Nemic gave his approval. The next membership meeting, scheduled on September 18, 2007, will be held there in the training room.

President Medina said he and First Vice-President Victor Gonzalez of NLPOA San Diego County chapter met with Pedro Quiroz of the Latino American Association of San Diego, a political action group. A number of topics were discussed, including the under representation of Latinos in the more than 300 City of San Diego committees. Discussion followed.

II. Treasurer's Report:

First Vice-President Alan Alvarez spoke with Treasurer Norma Valverde regarding the Treasurer's Report. He asked that she email it to Historian Roberto Ruiz who in turn would send a copy to the Secretary for attachment to the Membership Minutes. The report, dated August 21, 2007, is attached.

Alvarez stated Treasurer Valverde relayed to him that Washington Mutual Bank has refunded the \$40.00 in service fees that was previously discussed in the General Membership Meeting of July 2007.

III. Approval of Minutes:

Secretary Joe Howie presented the Executive Board Meeting Minutes of August 3, 2007, to those that attended it and motioned that the Minutes be approved. The motion was seconded and ratified. The Minutes will be posted on the association's webpage.

During the Board meeting of August 3, 2007, the General Membership Meeting Minutes of July 17, 2007, was presented to the Executive Board by Secretary Howie. A motion to approve them then was made and the Minutes were approved. Secretary Howie said the Minutes were posted on the association's webpage.

IV. Unfinished Business:

Historian Ruiz announced that his effort to incorporate an email link for board members on the Association's web page has been completed.

Second Vice-President Jerry Hara gave a summary of the Puerto Nuevo Lobster Run fundraising event that was held July 28, 2007. The event was very successful. There were 128 participants and we expect proceeds of about \$4,066.00 for the scholarship fund and 500.00 for the Association's general fund. Hara stated 5-Stars Tour Company, the company that supplied the three tour buses, was expected to refund \$450.00 due to a mechanical failure of one of their tour buses. A smaller bus was substituted. The refund, if received, will be placed in the Association's general fund. First Vice-President Alvarez thanked member Art Perea who successfully managed the group in the smaller bus. Discussion followed.

Second Vice-President Hara also gave a preliminary summary of the Comedy Night fundraiser that was held on August 17, 2007. This was an inaugural event and it was important that it be successful. There were 115 participants and we expect proceeds of about \$1,930.00 for the Association's general fund. Hara and President Medina thanked the members that assisted. Discussion followed.

President Medina asked Second Vice-President Hara to prepare After Action Plans on the two fundraising events. Hara said he would.

There was discussion regarding the upcoming State NLPOA conference and the National NLPOA conference, both scheduled in October 2007. At the State conference, elections to fill board vacancies will occur. Discussions followed regarding potential candidates.

First Vice-President Alvarez presented information on the Christmas Train Invitational Golf Tournament scheduled on September 21, 2007, at East Lake Country Club. The NLPOA San Diego County Chapter has elected to donate \$325.00 and our association would donate \$325.00 for a collective donation of \$650.00. The fees will be used to sponsor a green. Two golfers from each of our associations will participate. Alvarez also announced that Charlie Coval, the Chairman of Christmas Train and also a member of NLPOA, has a serious illness. Alvarez asked that our association prepare to take on a larger role in the Christmas Train's annual Tecate, Mexico toy distribution event.

President Medina said he met with Josie Moya, the widow of the late Officer David Moya's, on August 3, 2007, and presented her with the latest and final check from the David Moya benefit account. The David Moya benefit account is now closed.

V. New Business:

Correspondent Secretary Nina Medina discussed having our board members educated on "Whistle Blower" laws. She informed us that the City of San Diego is in the process of creating a city ordinance protecting Whistle Blowers. There are currently federal and state laws regarding the protection of Whistle Blower's and Parliamentarian Marcella McLaughlin pointed out that a City ordinance could not precede state law. Discussion occurred and our association likely would support the creation of a Whistle Blower protection administrator within the City's Office of Ethics and Integrity. President Medina said the SDPOA board is also in support of this office creation. The discussion was lengthy so President Medina asked that further discussion be tabled for the next membership meeting.

President Medina said the Chicano Federation's annual gala event is scheduled on September 22, 2007. The theme this year is "Latino's in Hollywood". Discussion followed regarding the sponsorship of a table but the fees were out of the reach of our association. No motion to support the event was made.

Second Vice-President Jerry Hara announced the names of the following Association applicants:

Lawanda Fisher, Allison Boyd, Jose Conde, Joel Tien, Violet Ward and Blanca Lawrence.

Second Vice-President Hara motioned that the applicants be confirmed as members. The motion was seconded and ratified.

President Medina postponed discussion regarding a mentoring program for new members that was slated for this meeting.

VI. Announcements:

President Medina announced the death of Dan Stanley, a former NLPOA member, and said a flower arrangement was sent to his memorial service on behalf of our association.

VII: Adjourn Meeting:

President Medina adjourned the meeting at 7:35 PM.

Minutes submitted by Secretary Joseph Howie.