

Mayor's Hispanic American Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Date: December 9th 2014 at 9:07 am

Board Members Present: Ida Gropper, Rafael Caldera, Alicia Burst, Victor Pacheco, Jesus Montero, Cristina Echeverry.

Excused Board Members: Patricia Solo-Josephson, Carmen Mantay, Judith Rodriguez, Mario Decunto

Unexcused Board Members: None

Staff Present: Betzy Santiago, Chet Aikens, Ana Andreu

Guests: Rebecca Furr

Welcome: Meeting was called to order by Chair, Ida Gropper. A quorum was confirmed.

Minutes Approval – Cristina motioned to approve the November minutes with changes; Rafael seconded the motion. The minutes from the November meeting were approved with corrections.

Fiscal and Executive Updates

The balance in the trust fund is \$889.95.

Any ads sold for La Guia would go towards paying for the printing costs. Ida would like for Patty to give an overview of the expenses. There were several contributors, like Wolfson, Florida Blue and Patty herself contributed towards the printing last year.

The board must be careful with their stewardship.

On November 21st, Ida, Rafael and Ana attended a meeting with the Mayor and Representative Mia Jones. During this meeting Ida presented a brief description of the board's accomplishments during the last year.

Ida received a letter from Mayor Brown to the board in recognition for the Hispanic Leadership Awards.

Committee Reports

- **Health, & Public Safety**
 - Victor has been receiving calls from Spanish speaking citizens.
- **Education**
 - No updates
- **Economic and Faith Based**
 - Jesus met with the Pastor at Evangel Temple.
 - On December 5th, Jesus attended the Mayor's Open House

ATD

- Ida met with Andrew Russell from FCHCC. He wanted to discuss the 2015 ATD. Mr. Russell really wants for the board and the chamber to collaborate on the next event. In the past MHAAB had two members to work with the chamber. This year they would like to have three members as part of their committee. Rafael is already in as part of both agencies. Alicia and Cristina volunteered to be part of the scholarship committee.

End of Year Report

- Please submit the volunteer hours.
- Subcommittee reports are due to Judy by December 19th.

New Business

- Next year the MHAAB will have a position on the FCHCC board. As of right now, Rafael has been holding that position as a liaison. If the board decides to accept, a member needs to be nominated to take up that position at the Chamber and attend their board meetings.

Meeting Adjourned at: 9:54 am

Next Meeting

There will not be a meeting in January due to the Board's Planning Retreat.

Next meeting will be on 2/10/14 at 9:00 a.m.

Minutes Prepared by: Ana Andreu.