

NASW/North Central Texas Fort Worth Area
Steering Committee Meeting

7/10/10

Attendance: Cathie McDonald
Carol Gottlieb
Bart Miller
Stephanie Books
Susan Avery
Ted Lovato
Susan Dalrymple
Lucy Armstrong
Ann Ashmead
Joan Rycraft

Announcements: Congratulations to the election winners: Lucy Armstrong, NILC for the branch; Susan Avery Region 3 Board representative, and Scott Ryan, Treasurer. Our branch is very well represented. Our public official awardee, Judge Carr was selected as the State awardee.

Financial Report: Cathie McDonald reported we have \$2983.31 in the account. We cleared \$594.25 for the annual awards dinner. Outstanding liabilities include \$100 donations to T-PACE and PEC.

The need for a financial plan and annual budget was discussed.

Carol Gottlieb agreed to take on the responsibilities of Treasurer. She and Stephanie Books will develop an annual budget for the branch to be reviewed by the Steering Committee at the next meeting.

Action Item: The Steering Committee unanimously agreed to place \$1500 in reserve for emergencies only and to place 10% of accrued funds (income minus expenses) in the reserve.

Action Item: The Steering Committee unanimously agreed to cover the additional cost not reimbursed by the Chapter for both Cathie McDonald and Lucy Armstrong to attend the Sandra Lopez Leadership Institute (approximately \$150).

Program Planning: Bart Miller

The following schedule has been developed for the upcoming year:

August: Membership/social networking meeting
August 19, 2010 Mercado Juarez in Arlington 6:30-9pm
Branch will provide soft drinks, chips and queso

September: CEU workshop

October: NASW Conference (Houston)

November: CEU Workshop

December: No activity

January: CEU Workshop

February: CEU Workshop

March: Annual Awards Dinner (Joe T's)
April: CEU Workshop
May: CEU Workshop
June: No activity
July: No activity

Discussion was held regarding the need to reach out to the membership outside of the Tarrant County area. Plans are to hold a CEU event in the Stephenville area on rural social work in February.

Consideration is being given to holding a mini-conference bringing in a notable speaker. Will schedule 1-2 workshops in the evening.

Membership: Ted Lovato

Ted is presenting to students at a field seminar at UTA

He is developing a power point for future presentations

We will check the schedules for orientations for the schools and see if we can be placed on the schedule.

We also need to develop a plan to reach out to new members and welcome them to our Branch

Public Relations: Ann Ashmead

We received excellent coverage of our annual awards dinner (3 stories)

Will develop a flyer/handout for the membership meeting identifying activities for the year and providing information on "How to Get Involved".

Next Meeting: August 19, 2010 6:30-9pm
Mercado Juarez, Arlington