



Association of Texas Professional Educators
Region 20 ATPE



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MINUTES

General Meeting
 February 16, 2013
 Golden Wok

- I. President Mary Reyes offered greetings, and welcomed everyone and introduced the officers, and visitors, Richard Wiggins, State Vice President Candidate, and Sarah Denny.
- II. **Secretary** Julie Mihalko reported that the minutes from the last meeting had been approved by three members. She summarized the last meeting.
- III. **Treasurer** Marcie Helmke presented the Treasurer’s report. She told the membership that Region 20 currently has \$2688.53 in our checking account, \$11,818.09 in our Money Market account and \$404.04 in savings.
- IV. **Director** Tina Briones gave her report. She stated that the Region 20 golf team tied for second place. This year’s Foundation Golf Tournament will be Oct. 18 in Round Rock with a 1:30 start time. There will be an Awards dinner afterward. May is Foundation month and the deadline for PAC contributions for the year is May 1. Local and Region prizes will be awarded for contributions. Doug Rogers is retiring and his replacement will be introduced at Summit. A new Fun Pass program was announced where applicants can sign up in April/May but not have dues deducted until August 1. More details will be available soon. Rep. Villalba is proposing a safety resolution for schools that involves concealed handguns and teachers who might use them. Registration for Summit begins April 4. Be aware of penalties for late cancellations for hotel rooms.
- V. **New Business**--The PAC auction was held and \$1,815 was raised. Richard Wiggins did an excellent job as the auctioneer.
- VI. The Initiative Fund deadline is May 4, 2013. Submit the form with a copy of your local budget.

- VII. The Summit is July 17-19, 2013.
- VIII. Elections for Region officers will be held at the May meeting at Dave and Buster's. Please RSVP Mary Reyes at reyes.m@lacklandisd.net . If you are bringing a guest, the meal price will be \$20. Members interested in running for office should contact Julie Mihalko at mihalko.j@lacklandisd.net to get on the ballot. Nominations from the floor will also be accepted.
- IX. **Old business**--Richard Wiggins spoke to the membership about how the www.Teachthevote.org website has expanded to include current education news, legislative news and ATPE news.
- X. Lists for Ben Shilcutt Award need to be in to state no later than March 4, 2013. Please use the form found on the website.
- XI. **Committees**—Julie Mihalko, Chair of the Nominations committee, encouraged members interested in running for Region office to contact her to get on the ballot. Nominations will be taken from the floor also. Mary Reyes, Chair of the Bylaws committee, reported that the bylaws for Region 20 are correct on our website. Tina Briones, Chair of the Legislative/PAC committee reported that we had raised \$1815 this meeting and encouraged members to stay informed about the actions of the Legislature. She reminded members that May is Foundation month, and we will have the donation tree present at the next meeting. Byron Hildebrand, Chair of the Resolutions committee, urged members to put forth ideas, suggestions and form them into resolutions for the House of Delegates at Summit.
- XII. **Every local should have local meetings and an election of officers. Contact a Region officer if you need help organizing this.**
- XIII. Tickets for door prizes and Ben Shilcutt lists were drawn.
- XIV. The meeting was dismissed at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Mihalko
Region 20 Secretary