



Association of Texas Professional Educators
Region 20 ATPE



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Minutes
 General Meeting
 Dave and Buster's
 May 4, 2013

- I. **Welcome**--President Mary Reyes welcomed the members at 11:30. Members heard the secretary's report and minutes from the last meeting were approved by three members.

- II. **Treasurer's Report**--Marcie Helmke reported that our current balance in checking is \$31,639.17. Savings has \$404.04 and Money Market has \$11,824.77. There are seven locals who have outstanding checks: LaVernia, Floresville, East Central, Kerrville, Medina Valley, Northeast and Northside.

- III. **Guest Speakers**--Marisa Perez spoke to the members about staying involved with education and her efforts to involve the public. She is currently asking Region 20 members to volunteer to serve on a committee to review the social studies portion of CScope. She provided cards and a sign-up sheet with contact information.

Julleen Bottoms, candidate for State Treasurer, spoke next. She provided information about herself for the members.

Ron Fitzwater, candidate for State Treasurer, also spoke. He will provide information through the mail prior to summit.

Carl Garner, another candidate for State Treasurer, provided an informational letter to be read in his absence.

- IV. **Elections**--Region 20 Secretary Julie Mihalko led the elections for 2013-2014 Region 20 officers. Mary Reyes—President, Marcie Helmke—Vice President, and Diana Bush—Secretary, had no opposition and were voted in by acclamation. Terri Pitts and Margie Hastings ran for Treasurer. Margie Hastings won the position and will be the new Treasurer.
 - **Director's report**—Golf tournament at Terra Vista in Round Rock on October 18, 2013. 1:30 shotgun start. They will have an awards dinner. We need a team to represent Region 20.

- May is ATPE Foundation Month – all who donate will receive a book marker which is made of seeds. If the whole organization collects more than \$5500 then Executive Director Doug Rogers will kiss a pig.
- The Fun Pass – April 1 – May 31, 2013 – this is an early membership drive at no cost for the summer benefits = services, discounts, professional learning, advocacy, publications. August 1 their membership will begin. If they sign up payroll deduction the deductions will start August. If they pay by credit card or check it will be charged/cashed but membership will not start until August 1, 2013. Print applications on-line.
- Teachthevote.org – get on line to learn about the legislative sessions and many more positive ideas occurring in education.
- School safety legislation – view teachthevote.org for the legislations filed that may affect our schools
- No Direct Deposit – Natalia & Leakey are the only locals not registered for direct deposit
- Hotel Cancellation Deadlines for the Summit are in effect. Please don't get charged for cancelling your rooms after the deadlines. Mary will elaborate on this.

- V. **Unfinished business**—Mary encouraged the members to use the “Teach the Vote” website as a tool for recruiting and staying current with Texas education news. The deadline for financial assistance for the summit for local units was May 4, 2013. There were no requests to the Region. There was a PAC collection, and Richard Wiggins graciously donated a pair of Spurs tickets. Yvonne Cadena won.
- VI. **New Business**—Mother’s Day weekend. Tina Briones encouraged members to watch the news and the paper for advertisements from ATPE about both Mother’s Day and Teacher Appreciation week. Volunteers were solicited for the Region 20 Audit Committee. Julie Mihalko will sit on the committee.
- VII. The summit will be July 17-19, 2013 in Austin at the Convention Center. Reserve only the number of rooms your local will need.
- VIII. **Presentation of 2013-2014 Region 20 Officers**—Mary Reyes—President; Marcie Helmke—Vice-President; Diana Bush—Secretary; Margie Hastings—Treasurer. Tina Briones continues with her term as Director.
- IX. Door prizes were awarded.
- X. Meeting was adjourned at 1:30.