

Association of Texas Professional Educators

Region 20 ATPE

Tina Briones President	Mary Reyes Vice President	Julie Mihalko Secretary
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MINUTES

General Meeting

September 10, 2011

11:30 to 1:30

Acadiana Café

San Antonio, Texas

- I. Meeting was called to order at 11:15 by President Tina Briones. Members and guests were welcomed. Officers were introduced. 68 members were in attendance. Members enjoyed lunch while business was conducted.
- II. Julie Mihalko announced that the minutes from the May meeting had been read and approved by 3 members who had attended.
- III. Marcie Helmke announced that there is \$15,184.75 in our bank account.
- IV. Brock Gregg, Governmental Relations Director, was introduced and spoke about the importance of starting a "grassroots effort" to influence the way our legislature votes. He updated the members on the actions the lobbyists were taking at both the state and federal level. Brock reminded members that "Politics rule our profession."
- V. Sandra de Leon gave the Director's report. She emphasized that local units need to have their by-laws aligned with the state and their officer lists submitted no later than November 30, or the unit will become inactive.
- VI. Committee sign up sheets were distributed, and members were given a brief description of the responsibilities of each committee.

VII. Our membership is less than 10,000 but we are hoping to improve our numbers by the December meeting.

VIII. Local units were reminded to encourage members to donate at least \$1 each to the PAC.

IX. The ATPE Foundation is growing. Region 20 donated \$500.

X. The 2011-2012 Region 20 budget was presented. NEISD's Margaret Cuny moved to accept the budget; Elizabeth Lynn from Harlendale seconded the motion.

XI. Ben Shilcutt awards at both the local and state level were discussed and explained.

XII. Lynn Gurtz and Pam Biernz both won \$10 gift cards when their names were drawn from PAC contributions. A total of \$688 was donated.

XIII. Meeting dates and locations were discussed. RSVP's for the December 3 meeting at Dave and Buster's will be sent to Mary Reyes.

XIV. Lytle ATPE won Newsletter of the Year.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Mihalko
Region 20 Secretary