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Region 20 General Meeting

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January 24, 2015

- I. **Welcome:** Mary Reyes called the meeting to order at 11:00 A. M.
 - A. **Introduction of Region 20 officers and Guest:** Mary announced the Region 20 officers and guest Richard Wiggins; State President, Jennifer Canaday; Governmental Relations Manager.
- II. **Secretary's Report:** Rosa Linda Santoyo had three members that attending the Acadiana meeting on Saturday Sept. 6th 2014 approve the minutes. Susan Nielson; Northeast, Diana Bush; Medina Valley, Julie Mihalko; Lackland were the three members that approved the minutes from the last meeting.
- III. **Treasurer's Report:** Margie Hastings reviewed the handout of the Proposed Budget 2014-2015 totaling \$37,300.00 with Accountable End of Year Balance of \$29,366.74. Finance Report for **January 24, 2015 \$16,585.7.**
- IV. **Director's Report:** Tina Briones spoke about the survey that went out on the locals from largest, medium & smallest locals. We continue to look for volunteers in all districts to help out. Volunteers play a vital role in the success of ATPE and we appreciate all you do! Please contact Tina Briones if you know someone interested in being a campus representative/ starting or reactivating a local unit. Here are just a few districts in need of volunteers to activate them: Region 20- Edgewood, Uvalde, South San Antonio, Southside, and Fort Sam Houston.
- V. **Guest Speaker:** Richard Wiggins; ATPE State President spoke to the members about the importance of going to Lobby Day. There is no registration fee to attend this event, but you must register and book your housing reservations by Jan. 29, 2015. Visit www.atpe.org/lobbyday for complete details and online registration. Also another highlight of ATPE Lobby Day is visiting the Texas State Capitol on Monday, Feb. 23, 2015 to meet with your legislators face-to-face and watch the House and Senate in action. Merchandise sale will include a limited edition Lobby Day lapel pin and our new "ATPE - At the Capitol" knit shirt that members are encouraged to wear to the capitol. All proceeds will benefit ATPE-PAC, your political action committee or to help ATPE continue to be the leading ally and voice of public education in Texas.

On Sunday afternoon training Lobby Day will include presentations by the **Honorable John Dietz**, the district judge who has presided over the state's landmark school finance litigation, and **Rev. Charles Johnson**, a well-known advocate for public education and member of the Coalition for Public Schools, which has led the fight against private school vouchers in Texas Lobby Day participants to attend a private screening of [The Texas Promise](#) on Sunday, Feb. 22, at Alamo Draffthouse's The Ritz Theater on Sixth Street. The documentary from Oscar-winning filmmaker Vanessa Roth tells a story of money, politics, and education in the aftermath of Texas's devastating 2011 budget cuts. Admission to the movie will be free and transportation will be provided for a limited number of ATPE Lobby Day attendees. Registered Lobby Day attendees will receive an email with instructions on how to sign up for the movie screening. Please keep in mind that every member planning to attend Lobby Day must go online and register individually at atpe.org/lobbyday. Register to secure your spot before the Jan. 29 deadline. Destination: Legislative Success, ATPE Political Involvement Training and Lobby Day happen Feb. 22-23 at the Hyatt Regency Austin and Texas State Capitol.

- VI. **Spurs Event:** Marcie Helmke talked about Region 20 is sponsoring an Association of Texas Professional Educators Night with the Spurs. Region 20 members get together SPURS Event on Sun. **March 29 2015/** SPURS vs. GRIZZLIES with game time at 6:00 P.M. The Pre Game Mixer in the Fan Zone will get together at around 3:30 P.M. You can find the flyer on the Region 20 Newsletters and ATPE website. Tickets packages are only **\$32.00** for the (Package Value of \$42.00) which comes with a voucher for a Hot dog, Chips and a Soda. Please use order form and e-mail dfarias@attcenter.com or fax to **210 444-5699**.
- VII. **PAC:** Byron Hildebrand spoke about the PAC and collected donations for members. Mary Reyes challenged members to a minimum of \$5.00 the amount raised was **\$493.00**. The winner of the SPURS tickets was Phillis Jarzumbel; Fall City and new local that have joined our Region 20. Membership to date is **8,003 members** in our Region 20.
- VIII. **Unfinished Business:**
 - A. **Golf tournament:** Bryon Hildebrand participated on a team and they came in 3rd place. He added that the tournament made more money than ever before.
 - B. **Membership Growth Contest:** Both brought in the highest membership growth.
 - 1. Stockdale came in 1st place winning and receiving \$100.00.
 - 2. Lackland came in 2nd place winning and receiving \$50.00.
- IX. **New Business:**
 - A. **Lobby Day: Sun. Feb. 22nd & Mon. 23rd 2015.**
 - B. **Deadlines:** Lobby Day, Educator of the Year Award
 - 1. Lobby Day- to register/hotel is **Jan. 29th**
 - 2. Educator of the Year Award-Nominations- **Feb. 1st; Entry Mar. 2nd**. The ATPE Educator of the Year Awards acknowledges ATPE members who demonstrate exceptional or innovative capabilities in their respective education fields. Each recipient is awarded a check for \$5,000. The Educator of the Year Awards is divided into five categories: Administrator of the Year, Associate of the Year, Elementary Teacher of the Year, Secondary Teacher of the Year, Special Services Educator of the Year
- X. **Sam Houston Award- Nominations- Feb. 1st/ Entry Mar. 2nd**. The Sam Houston Award for Political Involvement recognizes individual members' outstanding achievements in five major areas and overall excellence in the growth and development of individual grassroots involvement, without regard to local unit size. One recipient is presented with a special gift and stipend (up to \$1,250) to attend ATPE's Lobby Day or other involvement events. Self-nominations are allowed. Those wishing to submit a nomination must complete a nomination form by **Feb 1, 2015**.
- XI. **State Officer:** Nominations- **March 15th** Nominations for ATPE state office are now open to qualified candidates. Qualified candidates may request nomination forms by emailing dhamad@atpe.org. Nomination forms must be received in the ATPE state office no later than March 15, 2015.
 - C. **Meeting Dates:**
 - 1. **Luby's Cafeteria - Saturday May 9, 2015**
 - 2. **Summit- July 7 – 10, 2015**
- XII. **Announcements:** Local Presidents reminded their locals of their up in coming meetings. Remember to check the Region 20 Newsletter for upcoming events and dates.
- XIII. **Door Prizes:** Region 20 locals brought in 2 gifts/ raffle ticket numbers were drawn with many members winning gifts.
- XIV. **Meeting Adjourned:** 1:00 P.M.