Texas State Convention Advisory Board

Convention Chair Report
May 23-25, 2008

Good Afternoon Everyone,

We have had a quiet few months. We had our second and third meeting since the last advisory board meeting. The second meeting was held in the Ft Worth Area and the third meeting was held in the East Texas Area. We have not elected any new committee chairs. I have been in contact with some members from around the state and outside of the state. Our committee has spent time dispelling conjecture, rumors, and misinformation concerning the convention. At both meetings, the committee brainstormed on how to "pump the convention up." The committee weighed the options of moving meetings to various areas and keeping the meeting in the hosting area to possibly maximize resources. The committee has made the decision to keep the meetings in the hosting area and rotate to various groups and utilize the meeting space at the hotel that is within our contract. Additionally, the committee will look at hosting an event at the beginning of December at the Crowne Plaza (hosting hotel) to educate and promote unity for the convention.

We have many open positions. I have contacted two previous chairs to obtain a gauge of where we are versus previous conventions. Both chairs expressed to me not to worry. The committee persons are wearing various hats to fulfill responsibilities open committee positions which are similar to what previous conventions had to do. We have distributed responsibilities to various committee persons. Programming will contact various vendors for jewelry and tape recorders. We will collect minimum of three bids. I have submitted a written request from LSRSO for wearables and wearables/jewelry.

The event that was to be held this weekend in the Lewisville Groups has been placed on hold. Back to Basics is to hold an event the second or third weekend in November. I have been contacted by the Pan Handle and they are looking to host an event the beginning of next year.

I am asking for some help from the Advisory Board to visit their perspective areas and regions and request "events in support of" the convention. I believe we are representative by Ft Worth, Waco, San Angelo, and Austin...

Requested Interpretation and/or changes to policy:

Change terminology from "fundraisers" to "events to support" throughout both policies.

1.24 (8) Clarification. Programming is interpreting as there are not speakers outside of Texas permitted.

Treasurer Report: I had $505 in funds from t-shirts, auction, and registrations. I paid vendor $450 from proceeds for second round of t-shirts (see attached receipt). I have sold $90 in t-shirts at $10 each at the last meeting. I have not sold any registrations. We have not had any events. The treasurer requested an update prior to Friday to offer an updated written report prior to this meeting. I did not get her the information in the time that she requested. We can submit a report via email later this month. The treasurer reports that she has not made any deposits or written any checks. Myron expressed mail the signature cards for the bank, so we can bank as necessary. I sent an email this a.m. to request two copies of i.d. to be brought to meeting on October 20, 2007. We can give Myron the necessary information at that time to change signatures at the bank. I do not have Wayne's email. I requested that someone forward info to Wayne.
I still have the receipt for the POB that was purchased. I will take care of the reimbursement as soon as the bank signatures are changed over.

I plan to attend Northsides Anniversary and sale registrations and T-shirts. Rodney will take registrations and t-shirts to New Beginnings Halloween event. I ask everyone to keep registrations and fliers with them to post at any visited groups. Duncanville has an event this evening in Dallas. I will have fliers there. Programming is visiting Oklahoma, I requested he take fliers. A previous chair suggested that I submit mailouts to groups. I plan on including treatment facilities in that mailout.

I am going with the TSCNA policy chair to Oklahoma this November to speak to their regional floor.....I believe that is Red River.....

If there is anything I forgot. I will offer the information verbally.
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