

MABA General Meeting June 10th, 2008

Old Business:

- Kids Exchange was held on Aril 17th, the event was enjoyable
- HLAA Dinner was held on May 10th
- Mentor Day was held on May 9th: Thanks was given to the speakers. It was mentioned that the kids asked for information from law enforcement also.
- Scholarship Reception held on May 14th, \$15,000 was given away in scholarships.
- Membership status – 64 Returns

New Business

- Northwestern Mutual Grant Announcement
 - Northwestern mutual gave a \$5,000 grant to the organization half of which was used for the scholarship and the other half to be used for a professional mixer event.
 - President moved for \$1,000 to help pay for the event.
 - Issue was raised if Northwestern Mutual hosting the event would conflict with Judges attending.
 - It was mentioned that someone contact the medical board and the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.
 - Motion for \$1,00 was accepted by Herman Segovia
 - It was agreed this would not be a debate.
- CPA services
 - Issue was raised of how much it cost the organization to pay for last years taxes.
 - It was noted that the current CPA had already filed an extension on the organizations behalf.
 - Rene moved to approve the fee for 2007 and anything prior. Motion was approved.
 - It was mentioned that MABA should take bids for next years taxes to be done.
- Pro Se Resolution Status
 - Tina Torres, Alfred Saenz, Herman Segovia, and John Longoria drafted the motion that was approved and sent to the County Commissioners.
 - It was noted that Tommy Atkinson invited everyone to submit concerns to him for a meeting to be held on June 20th at commissioner's court.
 - Committee formed by Judge Pozza to examine the program.
 - Concerns include:
 - Legislation speaks specifically to what money can be used for in the Library fund.
 - Cap of funds is \$175,000. Currently the budget is at \$600,000
 - Pro Se does not require that the individuals be attorneys and there is no need to have attorneys working at this library.
 - No justification for creation

- Judge Knoll noted that this program is a carbon copy of the Travis County Program.
 - Tina Torres: Had copy of the legislation and the Dubois article and noted that most people are upset about notice
 - Paul Torres: Issue of filing fees and lack of input in the program
 - Rosie Gonzalez: Appearance of no transparency and lack of due process and notice. No notice to State Bar either.
 - Herman Segovia: All of us went to law school and offended that people can fill in the blanks. Feels it is not for low-income individuals. Everyone gives to those organization to help low income individuals currently. The poor are not serviced through this program because the wealthy take their spot.
 - Rene: More money needs to go to the services for low-income people then give it to the program.
 - Tina Torres is acting as MABA's contact person
 - Judge Knoll: Asked that everyone commit to being patient and getting all the facts to the program before making conclusions.
 - Issue was raised of Allen Dubois letter and its inflammatory nature.
- Mentor Day reimbursement
 - Was approved.
- Golf Tournament and Raffle
 - Date is set and \$500 seed money was moved and approved.
 - Raffle was tabled
- HNBA Membership Renewal
 - Speech given by Jose Ortiz who was running for office in HNBA.
 - Renewal of dues must be done by July 15th
- General Announcements
 - Tech bar to have CLE
 - State Bar of Texas meeting needs Hispanic attendance
 - Linda Yanez is having a fundraiser for her campaign for a seat on the State Supreme Court.
 - June 25th, Speaker series on Latinas

Meeting adjourned