

Minutes from the MABA Board Meeting on 4-8-2008

- ❖ Meeting called to order
 - Approval of the minutes
 - Approval of the treasurers report
- ❖ Dia De San Patricio
 - Brian Hamner spoke about the attendance at the meeting. He stated that there were many guests at the meeting but not many members. Money was not spent on the even and the funds were not tapped into for the event. Asked that membership be more active in its attendance at these events.
- ❖ HLSA Dinner
 - Brian Hamner – Nice showing from MABA, eight people attended
- ❖ Rampage Night
 - Rescheduled to fall due to \$500 to HLA dinner
- ❖ Scholarship committee
 - Moved to end of the meeting
- ❖ Mail Out
 - Clarissa Benavides – 500 letters were mailed out. 100 due paying members were missed. Renew membership at website or mail to PO Box. Asked that any new members be recruited. The 100 hundred letters will go out this week.
- ❖ Kids exchange
 - Clarissa Benavides – April 17 at the Pearl Brewery. Dee Dee Garcia verified that all are attending so we can fill spots, crouch wanted seat if available.
- ❖ HLLA DINNER
 - Clarissa Benavides – 10 slots available and all are filled. No meeting before that event.
- ❖ Scholarship committee
 - Clarissa Benavides – moved that the membership approve \$550 for catering. Accepted
 - Shirley Erlich – moved to approve ten thousand in funds to scholarships as previous year and allow five thousand of the surpluses to be added to the available funds to be given away as scholarships. Accepted.
 - Ana Lisa Garcia – the event will be held on May 14th, 2008 at UTSA. The keynote speaker will be Leticia Van De Pute. Requested \$600 in catering funds. And \$15,000 in scholarship monies.
 - Dayla Pepi – moved that the May meeting be moved to the day of the reception for the scholarship ceremony. Accepted.

- ❖ General announcements
 - Herman Segovia—Bexar County Self-Help Program was initiated by the San Antonio bar in which two staff attorneys would be answering pro se questions in the Court House Library. Commented that the program is not income based and it is scheduled to start on June 1st, 2008. Commissioners Court accepted the program as it was written and no notice was given members of the bar.
 - Shirley Erlich – moved to create a resolution that the program be income based.
 - Judge Knoll – commented that the pro se dockets are growing. 95% of people going pro se are not clients you would usually take. These are reference attorneys and they are not to give out legal advice. State Bar trying to make legal services more accessible. Asked that the resolution be postponed until the program starts working.

- ❖ MALDEF
 - Event set for Thursday April 24th. It will be a free conference. Velma Martinez will be speaking. Asking for younger people to show at the event.

- ❖ Rosie Fiesta Party
 - Good will endeavor. Will be food and drink. Three bands to perform.

- ❖ Golf Tournament
 - Brian Hamner—Set for 20th at Pecan Valley Golf Course

- ❖ Meeting was adjourned and the CLE on DWI defense was presented.