



DHHSC BOARD MEETING AGENDA

6pm, Tuesday, May 14, 2019

- I. Call to Order – 6:00pm
Board members Present: Lavinia Espinosa, Patricia Parker, Trisha Houston, Janice Smith-Warshaw,
- II. Approval of Agenda Items
- III. Approval of March board minutes Proposed by Patty Parker, 2nd by Lavinia Espinosa
- IV. President's Report – Janice Smith-Warshaw
 - a. President Warshaw recognizes the efforts of the board members in the 35th Anniversary Gala. President Smith-Warshaw indicates that she is submitting her letter of resignation. She appreciates the opportunity to have served on the board as president for 3.5 years, and wishes the board the best of luck in their future endeavors.
- V. Vice President's Report – absent
- VI. Secretary's Report – Serena Johnson
- VII. Treasurer's report – Steve Longo
- VIII. Executive Director's report– Michelle Bronson
- IX. Fundraising report – Trisha Houston
- X. General Board comments
 - a. Lavinia Espinosa indicates that she will be resigning as of this meeting because of her relocation to Washington D.C. She thanks the board for the opportunity to have served.
 - b. Trisha Houston appreciates the work done by the members, staff, volunteers in getting the event set up. We all came together and were able to have an enjoyable night. We need diversity of events and unity of members. We look forward to more events that
- XI. Unfinished Business
- XII. New business
 - a. Bylaws ratification
 - i. Dr. Houston suggests borrowing Fresno State's Social Media policy in that everything posted on social media must be approved by individual on the board. This policy would apply to both board members and staff.

- ii. Steve Longo reviewed the draft of changed bylaws thus far. Board members approve of changes to this point, and these updates will continue in the same vein.
 - b. Board election
 - i. Trisha Houston and Steve Longo have indicated they are each interested in serving as board president. Each provided a brief speech/presentation regarding why they would like to serve as President. Vote was by secret ballot, with the results that Dr. Trisha Houston has been elected as president. Dr. Houston thanks Dr. Smith-Warshaw for her efforts over the past few years.
 - ii. Dr. Houston indicates we need additional assistance fundraising as well as to increase the numbers of the board. Alex (Staff member
- XIII. Public comments: 3 minutes
- a. Skippy Summer—VD Seniors Indicates we need more/clearer information (age requirements, etc) regarding programs available on the website. DHHSC's information was not available on the website available as a CBO. Public Utilities Commission wants to partner with DHHSC as a CBO. Indicated information regarding renting of community room needs to be clearer. Michelle indicates that our funding streams are extremely varied. The Valley Deaf Seniors Committee is deciding on how to govern themselves in the future. Due to new and changing leadership with the seniors, many things are in limbo.
 - b. Tim Spires—Indicates he is pleased that we are establishing a social media policy for DHHSC because of the actions of a board member against a staff member. Lavinia indicates that t SL asks about our grievance policy. Trisha indicates that the board does have a grievance policy. In this situation the board member in question is resigning, and therefore the issue has been resolved.
 - c. Susan indicates that the centerpieces from the 35th gala anniversary event (some including live plants) are for sale \$25 each. They will also be posted for sale on Facebook.
 - d. The maximum occupancy was 208 and we sold 200 tickets
- XIV. Announcements
- XV. Closed session (if needed)
- XVI. Adjournment-7:12pm