

## **Minutes of the San Marcos Association Annual Meeting Feb. 16, 2012**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM at the Turquoise Trail Fire Station by president Walter Wait. An agenda and a printed first page of the SMA website was handed out.

Minutes of the 2011 meeting were not read .

Treasurer Archie Tew presented a report. As of this date SMA has \$350 in available funds. Additional donations came in during the meeting.

The meeting was turned over to Commissioner Liz Stefanics, who discussed the status of the County. She asked the membership if anyone would be willing to serve on the Turquoise Trail Elementary School Board. They are seeking an "at-large" member, not necessarily someone who has school age children, but rather someone who could represent the San Marcos District. Interested parties should contact Sandy Davis.

Liz also talked about the possibility of creating a San Marcos Area Senior Center. She mentioned that the County owns eight acres near Via Vista, where the old waste water building stands. We suggested that a site nearer to the San Marcos District would be more appropriate, as the center would serve Cerrillos and Silverado as well. SMA appointed Arche Tew to get together with the County Architect to look at alternative sites. Discussion then turned to a vacancy on the Road Committee. Gail Buono discussed Rancho Allegre's efforts to improve the road leading into Rancho Allegre, and how they have gone through all the appropriate steps. It was clear that having a San Marcos Representative on the committee would help influence future decisions regarding road improvement. There is an extensive road bond issue in the works.

Liz also mentioned that the Bonding for Fire and rescue would be coming up soon, and how important it was to replace equipment. Walt urged everyone to support the reestablishment of that fund.

The status of the County Code re-write was briefly discussed, and the urgency of "getting it done" was stressed by those in the room.

The meeting was returned to Walt, who then briefly stated that 2011 accomplishments were listed in the handout. He then briefly stated the Associations attempt to reorganize for relevance. As was announced in the High Desert News, due to fiscal constraints, the newsletter will no longer be published and distributed. After discussion, however, it was decided that a

single "Winter" addition would be published. This was put into the form of a motion which passed by acclamation. Alexis Higginbotham graciously "volunteered" to continue her wonderful job as editor and chief newsletter bottlewasher. So, we all have eight months to work on materials for our 2012 production.

Wait discussed our re-vamped web page and our new facebook presence. He urged all to participate, stressing the potential value of the SMA archives. Wait applauded Board Member Les Hancock's magical ability to build and support our new web presence.

the web page can be found at HYPERLINK "http://www.sanmarcosassociation.org" [www.sanmarcosassociation.org](http://www.sanmarcosassociation.org) and the facebook page is at HYPERLINK "http://www.facebook.com/sanmarcosassn" [www.facebook.com/sanmarcosassn](http://www.facebook.com/sanmarcosassn). Go visit.

Wait discussed our flagging paid membership and suggested a drive to recruit both new fee paying voting members and a new "free" class of supporting membership. This supporting member category would help the organization demonstrate its ability to represent the San Marcos District to the County. The notion was put up in the form of a motion and was passed by all present.

Wait then turned to the current efforts to construct a new County plan and how SMA continues to support the United Communities of Santa Fe County in their efforts to insure that the draft sent to the County Commission will be the best it can be. SMA has already submitted several comments on the draft which can be found on both the SMA web sight and on the County Web site. He discussed the need to either incorporate the San Marcos District Community Organization into the SMA or to insure that the SMDCO is created as a separate entity. There is time yet to make such decisions as the code has not been finalized with regard to the structure of community organizations. Should they be 501-3c non-profits or should they be "arms" of the County Planning department?

Walt ended by expressing his gratitude to the Board members, contributors and donors. He especially thanked Tobey King and Barbara King for their service to the SMA board. They have other fish to fry this coming year and will be unavailable as board members. Hopefully they will return in the future.

Elections were held and by voice vote, the following board members were elected to Office for 2012:

President: Walter Wait  
Vice-President: Alexis Higginbotham  
Treasurer: Archie Tew  
Secretary: Isolde Wait

New Board Members approved at the General Meeting

Nai Smith  
Les Hancock  
Gail Buono

Continuing Board Members:

Nancy Seewald, Helen Boyce, Raquel Casillas Huges, Christiane Hancock

The Meeting was adjourned at \*:30 PM