

## San Marcos Association October 18, 2012 Board Meeting Minutes

Location: Helen Boyce's House

Board Members Present: Walter Wait, Isolde Wait, Helen Boyce, Gail Buono, Les Hancock, Alexis Higginbotham. (Note others may have attended, but a list was not recorded)

Treasurer's Report: \$1,561.68

The meeting was turned over to Gail for a report on our current tax reporting status.

Things do not look good. Gail attended a seminar sponsored by the IRS. She discovered that we have not filed the appropriate paperwork since 2007 when the law was changed. While we are still a New Mexico non-profit, in the eyes of the IRS we have lost our 501 exempt tax status. We need to deal with this. Also we must deal with the State Attorney General's office as we may have a late filing penalty of as much as \$100 a year. The end of our tax year for the State is Feb. 28th.

Gail stated that first we have to reinstate our tax status with the IRS. We essentially have three options: a) reinstate our Tax exempt status, b) file a corporate tax return, c) disband. We are essentially five years in arrears. Apparently a letter from the IRS was sent to Hugh Nazor in 2011 that stated that our status was revoked. It did not get to us until this year. As a consequence we might have to file corporate income taxes. We have kept up a file with the PRC. What this boils down to is that it might cost us as much as \$1000 to sort the mess out. If we do, we can solicit donations, the down side is that we are likely to wipe out our treasury. Certainly there will be no Spring newsletter.

The board asked Gail to find out if we can be reinstated and to see if there is an amnesty period with the State. A motion was made to submit the paperwork for reinstatement and to pay the IRS and the State. The Motion was passed.

Discussion followed on the need to hire a CPA to organize our books. Gail stated that we may not be able to answer all of the questions that are asked by the IRS. Walt felt that we probably do not need a CPA at this time. Gail stated that the application to the IRS must be filed by year end in order to qualify for the reduced \$100 reinstatement fee. If filed later it would cost a lot more.

The Board agreed to explore the application requirements for both reinstatements.

Much thanks to Gail for doing the research and sorting out the mess.

A report from Les followed. No great news. Walt asked if we could post a members request to sell a ten acre parcel on the facebook page. no problem. Walt stated that he had used his San Marcos Business Cards to good effect.

Les can post the donated necklace on e-bay for \$1300 to \$1800. He stated that there were three ways: Auction, Auction with starting bid, fixed price. Walt asked for a motion to list on ebay with a bottom line price. All agreed. Perhaps there is a possibility of a winter newsletter after all.

#### County Code Progress review

Walt has gone to three meetings, two general and one at the BCC. San marcos has done everything that the County asked yet the San marcos District ordinance has not been approved and Chapter nine does list San Marcos as a Plan with ordinance.

The code as written is poor and cannot go for approval. Left out of draft is a zoning map.. San Marcos District must be in the plan as an area with its own zoning.

A new draft must be produced. Walt has submitted a plan to create certificates for development rights that could be treated as an exchange.

Solid waste Task Force shall meet next week from eight to five to visit all of the transfer stations.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 or thereabouts.