

## **District 12 - Little People of America**

General Membership Meeting

April 18, 2010

Joe Foos called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. Monique Davis, Asst. Director was in attendance. Chris Figone, Treasurer and Emily Bromley, Secretary were absent.

Mark Povinelli, LPA Finance Chair, gave a brief update of LPA Finances. He said that the stock market rebound has helped to bring back some of the funds which support many LPA Programs. Finances for the current year will continue to be tight. Last year the Scholarship program had very little funding available. Due to the generosity of some Districts and the Board of Directors willingness to forgo payment of their travel expenses to the LPA Annual conference, scholarships were maintained at the usual level of funding.

Joanna Campbell reported that all three hotels are booked for the Annual Meeting in Nashville, TN. To date, 780 registrations have been taken to date. It is estimated that an average of three persons accompany each registration so it is anticipated that attendance may be as high as 2400 or higher if there are the customary number of walk-in registrations.

The 2011 LPA Annual Conference will be held in Orange County. A primary hotel has been selected and some conference planning has begun. Full details will be announced following the conclusion of the Nashville Conference.

Los Angeles Chapter President, Gina Zingaro, reported that the Spring Regional meeting had at least 345 attendees. A final number will be determined when all the bookkeeping is completed.

The Regional Meeting attendees were mostly from California and Nevada, but some folks came from Canada, Oregon, and Washington.

The LA Chapter goal was to present a Spring Regional that was affordable for all attendees. For this reason the Chapter set an all inclusive registration price, \$60.00, that covered the opening reception, banquet, child care, and activities. The LA Chapter was able to reach this goal by holding two fundraisers: a spaghetti feed and poker tournament, selling ads and conducting an on-site raffle that included gift certificates for food and a grand prize of an Apple iPad. The iPad was donated by friends of Tom Hershey who work at Apple Computer.

The 2010 Fall Conference will be hosted by the San Francisco Bay Chapter. Jon Welch, Chapter President, reported that the meeting will be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel, in Monterey. He mentioned that the 2005 Fall Regional was held at this same hotel which is near the beach. Room rates will be \$127 per night for up to four guests and the room rate will include a full breakfast and a happy hour each evening. The Fall 2010 Regional will be held October 8 – 10. Boccia, Soccer and Golf are planned and there will be workshops, medical consultations and other activities. A banquet and dance will be held Saturday evening. Full details will be included in the registration packet which will be mailed in August.

Joe Foos, on behalf of Chris Figone, Treasurer, reported on District 12 finances. At present, the District has a bank balance of about \$12,000. This balance has been accumulated over the years from the proceeds of National Conferences held in California. Annual income of about \$3,000 is received from member dues, and donations. Annual Expenses are about \$3,000 and include payments to Painted Turtle, a donation of \$1,000 to the LPA National Scholarship Fund, and a donation of \$500 to Mary Lou Naccarato to support printing used in her workshops. The District operated at a small loss for 2009 which amounted to \$900 due to a decrease in member dues. The budget for 2010 indicates that income should equal expenditures.

Mary Lou Naccarato requested assistance from District 12 to support printing of brochures for a workshop she is presenting at the Annual LPA Conference. Mary Lou is a certified sex therapist who presents an educational workshop on safe sex practices for disabled individuals including LP's. The workshops are provided for individuals 18 years and older and the participants have been expansive in their praise for the information and education they have received. Monique Davis moved that District 12 provide \$500 to Mary Lou for printing brochures for her educational workshops. The motion was seconded by Rosa Balderrama. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Mary Lou stated that this year she will be provided a booth, paid by the Annual Conference, where she will be available to answer questions and provide information to the attendees. She will include a solicitation for donations in the materials she distributes at the conference.

The San Diego and San Joaquin Chapters each committed to provide \$100 toward the cost of printing the brochures.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.

Minutes recorded by Jim Kay