



Sierra Nevada IRWA Chapter 46

Draft Membership Meeting Minutes – January 21, 2009

President Dana Abney called the meeting to order at 12:13, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the meeting of December 17, 2008 were not available for approval.

Introduction of Guests:

Five guests were present. They included:

Lisa Simcoe, TMWA; Tiffani Keene, TMWA; Tom Clifton; Mindi Casey, SW Gas; and Ted McElvain, SW Gas.

Treasurers Report:

Patty Espin read the treasurer's report. The current balance in the CD was \$5621.24, and in the checking account \$1590. There were no outstanding bills to be paid.

Committee Reports:

Education.

Business Relocation, Class 502, scheduled for Feb 19 and 20, has few registrations. At the three week prior time, a decision must be made to proceed or cancel/reschedule.

The Environmental Class 602 has not been updated, and may soon be removed from the curriculum.

The Environmental Class 604 is scheduled for July. Carolyn will see whether the Environmental Class 604 might be combined.

Carolyn will circulate a survey for input from the members about needed classes.

Membership.

Steve Hall was accepted by the chapter by vote as a new member.

Newsletter.

The newsletter will be published on the web page, rather than mailing it to each member. A note to this effect will be placed on the monthly meeting reminder cards. Some copies will be made available at the general meeting.

Committee chairs are asked to provide Carol a brief message on the purpose of their committee to be included in the newsletter.

Anniversary (Temporary Committees)

Heather Edmunson discussed plans for an observance of the 75th anniversary of the IRWA.

Kelly Hirning discussed plans for an observance of the 50th anniversary of Chapter 46.

Old Business

Patty Paulson was noted for her efforts in the assistance to the adopted family through the Childrens Cabinet, for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

New Business

The chapter will send a sympathy card and a gift certificate for \$75 to Lori Miles, whose father recently died.

Dave Vill discussed the events of the Federal Agency Update conference held in Las Vegas on January 13 to 15. Chapter members in attendance included Dave Vill, Patty Paulson, Dana Abney and Carolyn Carrica. All claimed it was a better conference than usual, well worth the cost and time of attendance.

Raffle/Drawing

Heather Edmunson won the wine raffle. Dave Vill won the membership raffle drawing.

Speaker

Vice President Kelly Hirning introduced the speaker, Mindi Casey, who's topic was "Keyhole Technology". Ms. Casey is an engineer with SouthWest Gas, in their Carson City office. She was supported by Ted McElvain, construction supervisor. They described the innovative equipment and process of installing and repairing PVC gas pipelines through small coreholes through asphalt and concrete.

President Abney adjourned the meeting at 1:18.

Respectfully submitted

John Dyer, Secretary