



South Area Council (SAC)
June 11, 2008
American Diabetes Association
7:30 a.m.

Transaction Notes

In Attendance: Chair Ken Roberts, Marilyn Ackmann, Richelle Hicks, Susan Fine, Becky Harper, Pepper Hudson

Absent: Meggie Carter, Jean Davis, Mike Smith, Lerii Smith, Randy McGuffee

Staff: **Pennie Blossom**

Chair Ken Roberts called the meeting to order. Richelle Hicks, Director of American Diabetes Association of Tarrant County, hosted the meeting. Hicks gave a brief overview of the upcoming events: the diabetes camp for kids in two weeks and the Tour de Cure (bicycle race) in October. The Tour de Cure is a family affair and she encouraged everyone to participate. For more information contact Richelle Hicks at 817-625-1288.

Action Plan

• Education

- South Hills High School has a new principal, Nancy Weisskopf, who was previously principal of McLean Middle School. Chair Roberts contacted Ms. Weisskopf and invited her to attend the April 13 board meeting.
- Round Table Discussion and AVID Speakers Programs – 2007-2008:
 - ✓ Several of the board members participated in both the round table discussions and the AVID classroom speakers program. The board decided both programs were very successful and to continue with the programs based on Ms. Weisskopf's needs for South Hills. A final decision will be made after the board meets with Weisskopf and the Adopt-a-School coordinator in August (or possibly sooner).

• Retention

- The South Area Council grown since April 2008; total membership is now 574, up from 546 in April.
- The board will contact new members by e-mail or phone.

• Programming

- The next luncheon hosted by the SAC is tentatively scheduled for August 2008. The board would like to invite the president of Baylor All Saints, Steven Newton, to speak at the luncheon. Richelle Hicks and Randy McGuffee are arranging this program. The board would like to have the luncheon at the hospital with a tour of their new facilities at the end of the program.
- Upcoming Programs:

- June 12 – Chamber Annual Meeting at the Worthington with General Peter Pace, USMC (RET)
 - June 17 – Bill Meadows Reception at the Fort Worth Club Trinity Room – Gold Members and Elected Officials
 - July 14 – Leaders in Government at the Petroleum Club with Kay Granger

- **Monitoring Items - What's up in the South Area Council?**
 - The Victorian Inn on the corner of Hemphill and Allen has been shut down. There is a permanent injunction right now, but the owner will try to reopen at a later date.
 - Susan Fine is on the Hemphill Task Force, and they are working on strengthening the zoning codes for an area between Allen and the railroad tracks. Eventually the zoning codes will be addressed all the way to I-20.
 - The new building for the Women's Center of Tarrant County will be finished in November. The grand opening is tentatively planned for February 2009.

- **Other Business**
 - The board will submit pictures for the Chamber Web site and stories for the *Newz-E-Letter* as they find appropriate material.
 - Chair Roberts would like to strengthen the board and asked that everyone make suggestions of companies that would be a fit the council's goals and action plan. The following companies were suggested:
 - Alcon Laboratories, Inc.
 - Miller Brewing Company
 - Mrs. Baird's/ Bimbo Bakeries
 - South area hospitals
 - Texas Christian University
 - The board will utilize their contacts in these companies to identify appropriate potential board members.

- **Business from the Floor**
 - Becky Harper, with FWISD and previous Adopt-a-School Coordinator, has been promoted and will be leaving the board. She is now Coordinator IV with FWISD's District Operations. Becky has been associated with the SAC board for several years, and her dedication and willingness to help whenever needed will be sorely missed.

Next Meeting: August 13, 2008
 Location TBD
 7:30 a.m.