

Southwest District Council Meeting Minutes | December 14-15, 2023

1. Attendance:

- a. Patrick Caraveo - SWD President
 - b. Davis Vaughn - SWD Vice President for Membership
 - c. Edgar Canales - SWD Vice President for Programs
 - d. Mason Thomas - SWD Secretary/Treasurer
 - a. Alyssa Colón - SWD Member at Large
 - e. Lizzi Pineiro - SWD Governor
 - f. Andy Melvin - SWD Governor
 - g. Clinton Wieden - SWD Governor
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Official Start Time: 12:00 pm CT, Saturday, December 14, 2023

1. Member at Large Report

- a. Been working on District Convention countdown graphics and logo designs for District Convention with Johnn
- b. Our calendars have been synced and will release the information simultaneously to brothers and sisters across the district

2. Secretary/Treasurer Report

- a. District Convention Marketplace Updates
 - i. Johnn and I have finalized the application for District Marketplace
 1. District Marketplace will open February 1 and close March 1
 - ii. Virtual orders will be available from the time that District Marketplace information is released to chapters (two weeks before convention) until the end of the convention
 - iii. Johnn and I will host two info-sessions in order to educate chapters/vendors on the details of District Marketplace
 - iv. **Whoever pays first** through the **convention registration website** will have first dibs if it comes down to limited space

3. Vice President for Programs Report

- a. The SWD Service Project will be similar to last year's
 - i. The logo for t-shirt design will be separate from the convention logo
 - ii. Looking into vendors to handle design and shipping
 - iii. Chapters will be contacted to hopefully involve local band programs, chapters, and businesses
 - iv. Donations will also be accepted
 - v. Service Project will be to support a local high school band program
- b. Updates on New ALTO Team
 - i. Pushing ahead to a Spring 2023 edition of the New ALTO
 - ii. The staff is finalized and modes of communication are being established.
 - iii. Hype for upcoming editions of the New ALTO
 1. Weekly Reminders will be sent out
 2. Past editions of the New ALTO will be shared
 3. Specifics as to what we are looking for in the New ALTO will be given to brothers/sisters to increase engagement

4. Vice President for Membership Report

- a. Area Workshops
 - i. Commerce
 - 1. Emailed over break to see if there's any response
 - 2. Got in contact with the chapter president, Andrea
 - 3. Early March is a good time for them
 - 4. Been looking at more logistics with them
 - ii. Workshop Cafeteria
 - 1. Keeping an eye on this for any presenters that could work for upcoming events
 - iii. Possibility for Theta Nu Workshop
 - 1. Keep this in the notes for next year @Davis
 - 2. Proximity (both in distance and time) have us leaning on waiting until next year
 - iv. Virtual Workshops
 - 1. Once every two weeks (6 max)
 - 2. Hour long, one workshop presentations
 - 3. Focus on people who won't make it to convention
 - 4. Use national zoom rooms
 - v. VPM Meet-ups
 - 1. Can use personal zoom room
- b. Discussion on Honorary Members

5. President Report

- a. Host Chapter
 - i. We can send out chapter applications, but this is likely a good opportunity to have Louisiana schools help out
- b. Masquerade Ball
 - i. Possibly have a live performance
 - ii. Table decoration contest
 - 1. Chapters will bring decorations for their table at the ball
 - 2. Have some time to set it up during seating/before the ball
 - 3. Each chapter gets one table
 - 4. Chapters aren't required to sit at their table, or even to decorate their own
- c. Music Hour
 - i. Military band is number one option
 - 1. If there are military bands, those performances have to be open to public
 - 2. Reach out to Tony and National Council for help
 - 3. Shreveport and New Orleans will be places to look
 - 4. Also looking into possibly having multiple options
 - a. How to Step/Stroll
 - b. What to take back as a first year teacher
 - c. Kazoo band
- d. National Leadership at SWDCon 2023
 - i. Jessica, Jack, and KJ will be at District Convention now!
 - ii. Bang is slated to give the National Keynote

- e. Workshops
 - i. Main concern right now is space
 - 1. Enough space for anywhere between one to three workshops at a time
 - ii. Options for Workshops
 - 1. RPEC Accessibility Workshop
 - 2. Kennedy Workshop
 - a. MC to Active
 - 3. Bang
 - a. Finding your KKWhy
 - 4. Jessica
 - 5. Jack
 - 6. KJ

6. Governor Reports

- a. Lizzi
 - i. Don't forget to communicate as the semester will be busy, use the checklist when you need to!

- b. Andy
 - i. Chapter Ops has officer training workshops available to pilot, which will later be presented at National Convention

- c. Clint
 - i. Leadership Funds
 - 1. Who do we need to apply for?
 - a. Derek Stoughton
 - i. Davis will take care of applying!
 - b. Possibly Garret Gardenhire
 - i. No funds for Garret, is unable to attend

Meetings Adjourned: 12:00 pm CT, Sunday, December 15, 2023