Southwest District Council Meeting Minutes | March 19, 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

Official Start Time: 08:00 pm CT

1. Member-At-Large Report

- a. Hotel Bumps
 - i. March 20, March 21, and March 22
 - ii. Repost those when they're up
 - iii. Social media calendar will be updated to reflect this
- b. Workshop Graphics
 - i. I added potential dates in the calendar to go about posting those
 - ii. I'll send them in slack for proofreading if those dates work.
- c. Andy the Armadillo
 - i. Alpha Rho is going to send me the photos and I will post those on that account
 - ii. I would like to do additional #SWDCON23 publicizing on that account as well if I have the extra time (not a priority)
- d. Potential District Hype Idea
 - i. What if we post a video of the District Council saying what they are most looking forward to ahead of convention
 - ii. Could be joint as well
 - iii. Could be a good idea for district slogan
- e. District Scrapbook Submissions
 - i. My personal deadline is to have that done by April 7th at the latest.
 - ii. I'd like to be able to post it to YouTube so the scrapbook is available to brothers unable to attend convention
 - iii. Could also be shared outside the district
- f. [not convention related]
 - i. Music Appreciation Night on March 25 (Hockey Team in Allen, TX)
 - 1. Erika Pope will be there
 - 2. I can forward governors the email.
 - 3. She said pictures will be taken. Should we post those and/or include them in the scrapbook?
- g. Social media breakdown
 - i. Our reach is up by 51%
 - ii. We gained 18 followers and lost 7
 - iii. Our most liked post in the last 30 days was Patrick's District President Post
- h. SWDCON Shirts
 - i. I will pre-make a graphic ahead of time
 - ii. Once Edgar is done with the design, I will get with him to include those images in the post.
- i. More District Convention hype
 - Send me ideas if you can think of anything fun that could help excite the district!

2. Secretary/Treasurer Report

- a. Delegate/Proxy Update
 - i. 17 chapters still have not reported whether they will have a delegate at convention
- b. Website Updates
 - Will be uploading committee charges, advisors, and members to website tomorrow
- c. District Marketplace Update
 - i. Johnn and I will hopefully be sending it out tomorrow, still waiting for a response from a couple of chapters
- d. District Listserv
 - Announcement about packets, awards, marketplace, and chapter assistance grant for NatCon 2023 is being prepped tonight, will go out for governor approval tomorrow or Tuesday
 - ii. Will work on the graphic for chapter assistance tonight and send it to Patrick
- e. District WAM
 - i. Emailed Di for Allotment, will follow up tomorrow
 - ii. Started looking at budget for last year, will use that as a starting point

3. Vice President for Programs Report

- a. Emails drafted to chapters eligible for awards
 - i. Will send direct link to award application, Mason will add it to the website
- b. New ALTO
 - i. Sending responsibilities to each member
 - ii. Sending graphics (last ones got lost/overwritten)
 - iii. Theme ties back to history
 - iv. Will add two more posts besides HIRL submission themes
- c. Fundraiser
 - i. Shirt is designed
 - Fundraisers are 21 days max, planning to set it up so it ends on the last day of convention

4. Vice President for Membership Report

- a. Pre-Convention Workshops
 - i. Presenters are good to present workshops on March 29 and April 4
 - ii. Wanted to ask about the March 26 to see if anyone could be there and see if we were cool with that date
 - Will reach back out and confirm about that date, will update when I hear back
- b. Honorary Forms
 - i. One last thing with signatures and we will be good to go!
- c. District Ritual Updates
 - i. Greg Boike will be good to join us
 - ii. Mason will be reaching out about Ritual rehearsal soon

5. President Report

- a. Marine Band Update
 - . I called the Marine Band Office on Friday to ask about the status of our request but no answer :(
- b. Committee Updates
 - Brother John Thomas has stepped down from Co-Chairing Spirit and Brotherhood
 - ii. Felly Carillo has since said he is cool with leading the committee himself
 - iii. Brooklyn Briles has confirmed she is happy to be leading the Chapter Leadership Committee
- c. Workshops / Speakers Update
 - Emails have been sent out to request Workshop Descriptions along with Headshots for promoting their Workshops on Social Media and for our Convention Program!
- d. Convention Program
 - i. I'm currently putting together a program that will have all the info for Brothers to check out on one Document!
 - 1. This will be released the week of Convention
- e. District Parliamentarian
 - i. The Brother in mind would be Iman Neal from Gamma Omega
 - 1. With the only duty being reviewing Robert's Rules, would we like a Parliamentarian?
- f. Hotel and Registration
 - i. Promote Promote!
 - ii. Hotel Reservations close on March 23rd
 - iii. Registration is on-time until April 7th
 - 1. After that there is a \$25 price increase for Late Registration and no Banquet Seat either

6. Governor Reports

- a. <u>Lizzi</u>
 - i. Registration has gone out!
 - 1. We need you all to be contacting chapters about registration and hotel reservations over email.
 - ii. Echoing Andy on communication.
 - 1. Text is great when you can't get to email.
- b. Andy
 - i. Get people to book hotel rooms now!
 - 1. We need to increase the hotel block so that we have more hotel rooms at the posted rate
 - ii. Be ready to communicate on a daily basis.
 - 1. We need to be on top of communication as we get into full swing.
 - 2. Keep doing a good job.
 - iii. Clarify more on the music appreciation night.
 - 1. If it has to do with college bands, great!
 - iv. Thanks to those who have applied or reapplied for officer positions!
 - 1. We will be reviewing those over the next few days.

Meeting Adjourned: 08:45 pm CT