

T-PrO Board Meeting 6/9/08

Attending: Wanda Baader, Jean Slagel, Barbra Russell, Sue Zepeda, and Carolyn Sanger

One correction was made to the minutes of the May Board meeting: Donna Smallin Kuper's name was corrected (originally it had been typed Cooper). The minutes were then accepted.

Future speakers were discussed. MaryLynn recommended a speaker from ASID, and although Sue has not yet contacted her, she will. She will be asked to consider speaking about ways in which to best utilize space, info we can then convey to our clients.

The Treasurer's Report indicates we have \$2788.56 in our checking account.

Discussion took place about the Women's Spa and Wellness Showcase taking place at La Encantada on 9/27/08. We know that speakers will include massage therapists; fitness specialists, plastic surgeons, among others. Do Professional Organizers fit in as presenters? We contribute to wellness, but we probably need to know more to determine if we do. Might we get in touch with a presenter scheduled that day to form an alliance and co-present? The Journal Broadcast Group 94.9 MIX appears to be a sponsor; the publicity committee will pursue to see if/how we would be appropriate presenters.

There was discussion about recently low attendance at our monthly meetings. It becomes especially problematic and embarrassing when we have a speaker and five or fewer are there. Some members of the Board felt that we're all grownups and we can't "babysit" our members, having to call them and remind them to come. Jean suggested sending out a survey to our members, asking questions such as: A meeting every other month, rather than every month? Are absences revolving around emergencies, or are people just choosing to work rather than attend? What can we do to make meetings so stimulating that members will keep their schedules open to attend?

We haven't had much luck getting prospective members to a meeting. Should we dedicate one meeting to be a "party," still using the Ronald McDonald Board Room, but just networking and fun? Doorprizes (tools we as organizers like best), refreshments, "meet your future colleagues". Should we change the time for that one "meeting" to start later, hoping that that will help? If it were successful, we could do it annually, always during the same month.

It was suggested that we do an eblast of how to get into the Members Only part of the T-PrO website for new members (or even old ones who have forgotten how). It was not determined who should do this. Since I'm taking minutes, let me emphasize that that access is in every New Member Packet sent out once someone joins.

Next meeting is August 11, 9:30 am, Mimi's Café on Oracle. August 19 is our next regular meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Carolyn W. Sanger