

**TUCSON PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZERS  
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES  
June 2009**

The general meeting of Tucson Professional Organizers was called to order at 5:00pm on June 16, 2009 at Ronald McDonald House by Sue Zepeda.

**PRESENT:**

MaryLynn St.Germaine, Wanda Baader, Jean Slagel, Annemarie Korp, Sue Zepeda, Jill Janis, Ori Parnaby, Carolyn Sanger, Stacey Loser

**GUESTS:**

Adrienne Horne – musician, considering professional organizing  
Michelle Madlala – investments, new to Tucson from North Carolina  
Sue Taylor – considering professional organizing, moving soon to Kansas City

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Sue moved to approved the May 2009 minutes.

Jill seconded the motion.

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Staples

We will go ahead with the deal, although it is not as good as we thought it would be. We'll see what happens.

KOLD

T-PrO is purchasing (at \$65 per “spot”) copies of some of the more dramatic “ambushes” and “reveals” from “Organized '08.”

These will be put on the website.

Please help MaryLynn sort this out by letting her know the dates of your appearance(s).

Jill adds – for those who did not appear on the dates TPrO is purchasing (those who did on-air blogging and interviews) Media Watch also has compilations of those shows available.

Women's Health Fair

T-PrO will pay for a table at this event –

Sat 10/3/09 at La Encantada

All organizers are encouraged to attend.

All attendees are asked to wear a crisp white “polo” shirt (also sometimes known as a “golf shirt”) – with a collar, with a short placket, with short sleeves, clean white with no logo.

Wanda will be contacting people about a possible bulk purchase of these, when we get closer to the event.

Our presence there will be to promote T-PrO and professional organizing as a whole, not each of us individually as organizers.

Name tags are being ordered for this (and future) events. Stay tuned for word on whether T-PrO will pay for these (approximately \$10 each) or whether members will buy their own.

## Business Cards

MaryLynn distributed these. They are “generic” T-PrO cards, with space for writing your individual information.

Thanks for handling this, MaryLynn.

## **SPEAKER**

Emily Kittle Morrison spoke about the Myers-Briggs personality test. Members came with their own personality styles identified.

An exercise was done which was designed to show that we tend to act true to type, no matter what we are doing, even if we cannot speak or see.

A couple of important points –

(1)

As organizers, many of us are “J” – in the sense that we easily make “judgments” or decisions.

This is not necessarily the same as “being judgmental” – but often it is.

And we need to beware when our (positive) personality trait of being able to make decisions degrades into (negative) personality traits of being judgmental and over-critical and bossy and over-powering and controlling.

(2)

There is almost nothing more important than LISTENING to a client, so that we can learn how best to work with them.

Try to figure out what style they are, what makes them tick, what they want.

Imposing our own style on clients does not work.

Learn how to “mirror” the speaker.

Get ongoing feedback from the person you are talking to – are you getting them?

Do not judge your clients; have empathy for them.

(3)

Go slowly.

Take the time to listen and make a connection with your client.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm by Sue.

## **DATE AND LOCATION OF NEXT GENERAL MEETING:**

Tuesday, August 18, 2009 at 5:00pm

Ronald McDonald House, Campbell and Allen

## **REMINDER**

There is no general meeting in July.

**MINUTES SUBMITTED BY:** Jill Janis, Secretary