

**TUCSON PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZERS
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
March 2010**

The general meeting of Tucson Professional Organizers was called to order at 5:00pm on March 16, 2010 at Ronald McDonald House by MaryLynn St.Germaine.

PRESENT:

Jill Janis, Susan Fagotti, MaryLynn St.Germaine, Wanda Baader, Jennifer Phelps, Julie Christen, Ori Parnaby, Nannette Palmer

GUESTS:

No guests.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Jennifer moved to approved the February 2010 minutes; Ori seconded the motion. The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

SPEAKER:

Harold Langer, Merrill-Lynch, Organizing Your Financial Life

Mr. Langer (and his colleague Jerry O'Neill) presented a shortened version of a talk he regularly gives on the importance of organizing your financial papers. This grew out of an earlier presentation of his: Financial Strategies for the Surviving Spouse. We were all invited to attend one of these free talks. The next one will be Thurs April 22, 2010 at 10:30 at the Metro Grill.

Jill is scheduled to have about 10 minutes at that presentation to introduce the concept of using a professional organizer to help people do what Mr. Langer is suggesting they do and to introduce T-PrO and hand out our rack cards.

Everyone received a copy of the MainStay packet for organizing papers, and the Merrill-Lynch checklist for gathering critical data about all financial matters and accounts.

Mr. Langer then spoke of the possible ways he and T-PrO could help each other, each possibly referring our own clients when they appeared to need the services of the other.

BOARD MEMBER / COMMITTEE REPORTS

President-Elect:

Upcoming Speakers - No report; upcoming speakers TBA.

Treasurer:

Account balance - Treasurer (Carolyn) absent; no report.

Publicity:

T-PrO in the media - Nannette is working on getting notification of our meetings in the online community calendar for FOX News channel and KOLD TV.

Membership:

New member recruitment - Membership Chair (Janet) absent; no report.

Shredathon:

Jennifer will head the committee, with Nannette helping.

Discussion about having (generic, re-usable) signs to put on the street and in the sponsoring store (if there is one) showing the location and times of the Shredathon.

Susan Fagotti offered to oversee the making of the sign.

BY-LAWS REVIEW:

Ori led a discussion on the proposed changes, which were unanimously voted in.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS:**Committee sign-up**

Members were reminded that Committee participation is a requirement of our By-Laws.

A sheet was passed around and members chose which committee to join.

By-laws chair - Ori

Go Month chair - position open, to be filled

Life Cycle chair - Susan

Librarian / Historian - position open, to be filled

Membership chair - Janet (one committee position open, to be filled)

Publicity chair - Nanette (one committee position - Wanda)

Shredathon chair - Jennifer (one committee position - Susan)

Website chair - Sue (one committee position - Julie)

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED at 6:20pm by MaryLynn.

REMINDER:**DATES OF ALL GENERAL MEETINGS IN 2010 -**

(Meetings are at Ronald McDonald House, starting at 5:00pm, unless otherwise stated)

January 19✓

February 16✓

March 16✓

April 20

May 18

June 15

July (no meeting)

August 17

September 21

October 19

November 16

December (no meeting - party / date & location to be announced)

MINUTES SUBMITTED BY: Jill Janis, Secretary