

AFCC TEXAS CHAPTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
April 20, 2007
South Texas College of Law, Dean's Board Room, Houston, Texas

MINUTES

I. Meeting Call to Order 11:30 a.m.

AFCC Texas Chapter Board of Directors met on April 20, 2007 at the Dean's Board Room at The South Texas College of Law, Houston, Texas. The meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m. by Aaron Robb, President, AFCC Texas Chapter

Officers in attendance were: Aaron Robb, M.Ed., NCC, LPC, President; Martha Musselman, JD, President-Elect; David Eaker, JD, First Vice-President; Jack Bannin, MS, Second Vice-President; and Louise Lee, JD, Secretary

At-Large Directors in attendance were: Gilda Bowen, LMSW; Trevor Townes, MA; Alissa Sherry, Ph.D.; Judge Frank Rynd, 309th Judicial District Court; Mardi Winder-Adams, M.Ed.

II. Minutes from 1/12/07 Board Meeting

- a. Aaron Robb moved to accept the minutes
- b. David Eaker seconded the motion
- c. Minutes were approved by unanimous consent

III. Old Business

a. Conference Update

- i. Hotel - Louise Lee reported that hotel arrangements are currently on hold until we get more progress from publication and sponsorships
- ii. Publicity – Aaron Robb reported that the brochure is going to look great
 1. Sponsorship levels have been established but he would like to get some more sponsors. Aaron Robb will send out the levels to everyone next week.
- iii. Speakers – Aaron Robb reported that keynote speakers have confirmed. For the Judges' Panel, we need a few more judges to sit for the panel. Judge Rynd suggested Judge David Farr. Aaron suggested that Judge Parks be the facilitator for the panel.

b. Chapter Council Update -

- i. International conference attendance – Martha Musselman, Aaron Robb, and Louise Lee plan to attend the conference in Washington, D.C. in late May.

- ii. Silent auction items – Jack Bannin and Aaron Robb have began a nice collection of Texas wines which will be donated to the silent auction at the International conference.
 - iii. Chapter council meeting in D.C. will take place on Thursday 5/31/07 at 5:45 p.m. Location TBA. Martha Musselman, Aaron Robb, or Louise Lee will attend
 - iv. Transition from President to President-Elect as Chapter Council representative will occur on 7/1/2007.
 - v. International AFCC is considering having a regional workshop in Texas. Our only commitment would be to help them find a location and staff the actual conference. Possible locations could be Moody Gardens in Galveston. Aaron Robb suggested moving the conference to another location other than Houston. More details to follow when we receive them from the International office.
- c. Committee Reports
- i. Finance – Scott Clarke not present today. We need a new treasurer.
 - ii. Membership & Education
 - 1. We would like to get local groups talking and networking
 - 2. At the next meeting, we would like to have actual written guidelines for determining AFCC criteria
 - 3. Report on policy for Texas AFCC recognition of programs
 - a. Judith Miller and Sondra Kaplan program in Houston - Aaron Robb volunteered to do the CLE's but the feedback from that program has not been forthcoming.
 - 4. An idea was discussed that involved Judicial trainings across the state. They would need to be customized for each area. An issue would be staffing concerns.
 - 5. Regional trainings are tough because of the implementation of these great ideas need more manpower;
 - a. A local person will be the host and the training team will include one person from each discipline
 - iii. Publications – Jack Bannin is the new chair. We are asking for articles from different areas of the state and from different disciplines. Alissa Sherry will try to do a survey for us to out members to see what they are interested in
 - iv. Nominations – need a new treasurer
- d. Legislative update – HB 772 will pass; HB 555 will probably pass as substituted
- i. Discussion of covenant marriage bill
- e. 2008 Conference update and facility tour – The Board of Directors who were present took a tour of South Texas College of Law

- f. Discussion to correspond with other groups – Texas Lawyers for Children; Texas Center for the Judiciary; Texas Council on Family Relations --- We need to brainstorm who we need to keep in contact with . . .
- IV. New Business
 - a. Chapter Meeting time at the international conference – Friday morning at 8:00 a.m.; Location TBA
 - b. New issue focused committees
 - i. David Eaker reported on an idea to start a committee that would create a report and proposed policies regarding remaining within the limits of lobbying activity of the chapter as a 501(c)(3) organization
 - 1. The intent of the policy is to create text that illustrates that AFCC is in compliance with the guidelines of AFCC AND consistent with the requirements of the a 501(c)(3)
 - 2. We might consider being a 501(c)(6). We need to talk with International about this possible solution.
 - 3. Martha Musselman will speak with Meg Walker, a previous Board Member.
 - ii. Committee (“Texas PC Taskforce”) will examine the implementation of the AFCC parent organization’s Guidelines for Parenting Coordination within Texas
 - 1. Jack Bannin presented an idea from Bexar County – a blank form for the Courts when ordering a Parenting Coordinator that will help give the parties and the PC some guidelines as to what the Judge wants the appointed PC to do
- V. Next meetings
 - a. August 24, 2007 @ 1:00 p.m. at The Doubletree Hotel, Austin, Texas
 - i. Pappasito’s lunch – 11:30 p.m.
 - b. October 4, 2007 @ 4:00 p.m. at The Doubletree Hotel, Austin, Texas
- VI. Adjourned at 3:00 p.m.