



TARRANT COUNTY SALT TRIAD
Minutes Membership Meeting
January 6, 2009

On Tuesday, January 6th the General Membership Meeting of the Tarrant County S.A.L.T. TRIAD was held at Trinity Terrace, 1600 Texas Street, Ft. Worth, TX. President Judee Brown called the meeting to order at 2:00pm.

In attendance were Del Dibbern, Martha Mabry, Bill Hudgins, Dorothy Holcomb, Karla Grimwood, Emma Coley, Bob Bryson, Judee Brown, Butch Lindsey, Tim Tramel, Julie Cox, Betty Ward, Jimmy Meeks, Ann Letona, Shelly Young and Shelli Carter.

Treasurer's /Financial Report

Bob Bryson reported the balance December 1, 2008 was \$12,871.59. There were no deposits or disbursements. Therefore, the ending balance on December 31, 2008 was \$12,871.59. The records will be submitted for audit.

Secretary's Report

Karla Grimwood read the December meeting minutes and they were accepted as read.

Old Business

Newsletters – Though Cindy Ward is apparently no longer interested in participating with S.A.L.T., the membership decided to proceed with the project anyway. The goal is to produce quarterly newsletters that will be available on the S.A.L.T. website (www.saltoftarrant.org), via email, and mailed to those without email and relevant agencies, groups, and senior centers. Bill Hudgins will act as Editor and every member is responsible for submitting articles for consideration to him. There are no minimum or maximum word counts. Some of the suggestions for content were Attorney General alerts, any information pertaining to senior safety, senior events, senior jokes, and recipes. *All articles to be considered for the first newsletter must be emailed to Bill Hudgins (hudginsb@ci.colleyville.tx.us) by **March 15th**.* Articles sent after that deadline are welcome, but will be considered for later issues.

It was requested that Bob Bryson, with the assistance of Martha Mabry, update the S.A.L.T. Membership Roster.

Senior Fraud Conference (March 6, 2009) – Martha Mabry gave an update that Attorney General Greg Abbott will be the keynote speaker unless he is called for the Legislature during that time. In case this happens, Martha has arranged for Judge Sharen Wilson of the Criminal District Court to be the keynote speaker. Butch Lindsey is confirming the other three speakers. One is a Secret Service Detective and specializes in ID theft, another is from the U.S. Postal Service and will focus on mail fraud, while the last one will either be from the Securities and Exchange

Commission for Federal Trade Commission. The Emcee is still undetermined, but Jody Dean is being considered.

Valet parking for tips will be available. Door prizes will be provided by the vendors and awarded during lunch. Passports, to be signed by each vendor, will be used as the ticket for the Grand Prize drawing of the large-screen TV at the end of the conference. The provider of the box lunches has not been determined yet. Registration will be by phone only. There is only space for 500 seated attendees.

Martha requested a donation of four or five Blue Books from the United Way for door prizes. Ann Letona will check into this and get back with Martha.

Bill Hudgins is planning to approach the banks in his community and see if they will sponsor a table at the conference.

Bob Bryson is planning to order more S.A.L.T. stress balls as giveaways for the S.A.L.T. table.

New Business

A motion was made and seconded that we ask Sherry Wright to audit our books again this year.

Karla Grimwood, Secretary, reported that she will be unable to attend the S.A.L.T. meetings for at least the next 6 months. The Board and Membership agreed for Shelly Young, also of the Alzheimer's Association, to act as Assistant to the Secretary during this time.

Karla Grimwood told about some of the rural counties that she is providing outreach to through the Alzheimer's Association and that some of these families may be able to use the 911 emergency phones. Karla asked if S.A.L.T. would like to provide 911 phones to these areas from our program. Bill Hudgins clarified that the number of phones we distribute has no financial impact on S.A.L.T. at all. There is no relationship between the number of phones we collect for refurbishment and the number we distribute. He also reminded us that these phones are for seniors, homebound individuals, and battered women. Martha Mabry asked about cell phone service in these areas, but it was determined that most areas would probably have coverage. Martha made a motion to provide phones to the individuals who need them in these rural areas as long as S.A.L.T. can reasonably provide them. Del Dibbern seconded the motion. Bill Hudgins asked for an amendment to the motion to include literature with the phones that states S.A.L.T. of Tarrant County had donated them. All agreed, the motion was amended by Martha Mabry and seconded by Bill Hudgins. It is hoped that these areas will also donate unused phones for refurbishment and perhaps even be interested in starting their own S.A.L.T.

Announcements

Ann Letona announced that the Area Agency on Aging of Tarrant County is expecting to receive a grant to assist seniors with information on and installation of television converter boxes. If seniors already have vouchers, they only have 90 days to use them or they will expire and are not renewable.

The Area Agency on Aging also has a program for providing information on the low-income subsidy Medicare prescription drug plan if anyone knows of a group who may be interested.

Shelly Young announced that the Alzheimer's Association's Spring Symposium will be held at the Riley Conference Center (old MacGorman Conference Center) on March 26, 2009. Jimmy Meeks will be one of the guest speakers again this year.

Bill Hudgins asked that anyone wanting information on the website should email him with the content.

Happy Birthday to Bob Bryson (Jan. 2) and Karla Grimwood (Jan. 4).

Program

No program

Door Prize

The door prize was brought by Martha Mabry and won by Bill Hudgins.

Date and location of next meeting

Senior Fraud Conference Committee Meeting – Tuesday, Feb. 3 at 1pm at Trinity Terrace

General Membership Meeting - Tuesday, February 3 at 2pm at Trinity Terrace

(Trinity Terrace is at 1600 Texas Street, Ft. Worth, TX 76102)

Meeting adjourned

2:50 p.m.

Karla Grimwood

Secretary