

Houston Area Council
Delegate Report
January 26, 2012

In Attendance: Gaylyn DeVine, Kim Kankel, Sherri Parrack, Lela Donelson and Mary Ann Stanko

Katherine Ebel, Chair made introductions of the new board and committee chairs:

Dr Melanie Brown, Vice Chair
Grace Pary, Communications Officer
Michelle Becker, Financial Officer
Mary Jane Brock, Fundraising Chair
Lina Lawson, Program Chair
Jo Moore, Parliamentarian and Hospitality Chair
Beverly Turek, Social Media

In the absence of Dr Melanie Brown, Gaylyn DeVine presented the Excellence in Achievement Award to Women of Excellence Chapter for their work with Habitat for Humanity and Bryan Women's Shelter. Beverly Turek and Liz Galvan were there to accept the award which earns WE \$50.00 in credit for their 2013 Council dues.

Grace Pary called role and 13 of 20 Chapters/Express Networks were present. The 2012 Budget was passed. The 4th quarter financial statement was not available to the delegates and will be approved at the April meeting. The minutes for the October, 2011 meeting passed. The Audit was completed and report given to delegates noting changes in procedure for all sponsorships, deposits and money to be handled through the Financial Officer for appropriate documentation. Council expenses should be invoiced directly in lieu of reimbursements to members.

Mike Hunter with Litespeed Learning spoke about the choices that we make and how the only thing we can control is our reaction to events in lieu of taking ownership of something we have no control over. He gave us real life scenarios where we react based on past experiences instead of remaining neutral and making better decisions based on what we can actually control. Part 2 of this program will be April 26, 2012.

Lina Lawson and Grace Pary are the Women of the Year/Top Ten Chairs and the event will be at the Junior League on Saturday, June 23, 2012 with a social on Friday night, June 22, 2012 sponsored by Sheri Parrack, Texas Motor Transportation Consultants.

National President, Tina Gandy reminded everyone to attend at least 1 of the Regional Conferences and APEX deadline is February 1, 2012 for recognition at the Regional Conferences.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gaylyn R. DeVine
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