



**HEARTS OF GOLD MEETING MINUTES
Main Station – First Floor Conference Room
March 19, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 1138 hours for approval of the February meeting minutes and reports from the Treasurer and committees.

Executive Board Members in attendance were Ed Schlitz, Mendi Coombes, Adella Hernandez, and Kim Messinger. Not in attendance were Susan Shankles, Tony Kadous, and Tammie Penta.

Delegate Board Members in attendance were Bill Young, John Strader, Bill Richards, Esthela Anderson, Mike Feder, Tom Earley, Rick Prater, Richard Harper, and Blaise Romeo. Not in attendance were Mike Garcia, Jeff Mockbee, Mike Gillooly, and Shelly Urias.

Committee Member in attendance was Wendy Ward. Not in attendance were Michael Humphries, Tony Sabori, Ana Valencia, Jennifer Turner, and Monica Bravo.

Member in attendance was Isabel Trujillo.

Ed Schlitz welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were done.

MOTIONS

It was moved by Wendy Ward and seconded by John Strader to accept the February meeting minutes. Motion was approved.

It was suggested that Hearts of Gold provide a wreath for the Police Memorial on May 6, 2009. It was moved by Esthela Anderson and seconded by Adella Hernandez to provide a wreath at this annual event. Motion was approved.

For emergency purposes it was suggested that another member of the Executive Board be a signer on the Tucson Old Pueblo Bank Account and Ed Schlitz was nominated. It was moved by John Strader and seconded by Esthela Anderson to authorize Ed Schlitz as a signer. Motion was approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ed Schlitz reported for Treasurer, Tony Kadous, that the Hearts of Gold currently has a total of \$110,832.64 available. There is \$99,935.10 in the Tucson Old Pueblo Money

Market account, \$10,872.38 in the Tucson Old Pueblo Credit Union Checking account and \$25.16 in the Old Pueblo Credit Union Regular Shares account.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Assistance Committee Report

The Assistance Committee reported that there have not been any requests for assistance since the last meeting.

Investment Committee Report

Rick Prater and Tom Earley will be scheduling an appointment with the Tucson Old Pueblo Credit Union to discuss investing some of the Hearts of Gold money into CDs. They suggested doing a ladder type investment where the money would be in a six month and a one-year CD. They will have a report at the next meeting.

Fund-Raising Committee Report

Twenty-five (25) bears were sold for St. Patrick's Day. Adella Hernandez advised that it only cost \$.73 per bear for the candy and costume. They plan to dress the bears up for springtime as well as other upcoming holidays.

It was suggested that Hearts of Gold look into asking some smaller retail stores to help sell these bears.

Memorial Committee Report

The Memorial Committee did not have a report.

Heart's Desire Committee Report

The Heart's Desire Committee did not have a report.

Retired Members Committee Report

Blaise Romeo suggested getting retired members involved with the Hearts of Gold and maybe after one year of donating they could be eligible to receive benefits. He will be meeting with George Sloane to discuss the options. Blaise Romeo will provide a report at the next meeting.

Membership Committee Report

Rick Prater reported that Hearts of Gold currently has 940 members.

OLD BUSINESS

The following was discussed at an Executive Board Committee meeting that was held on March 3, 2009.

- ◆ Bears – It was decided that Hearts of Gold will likely order additional bears from the vendor in the future, so payment in full for this order should be made.
- ◆ Foundation Clerical Support – It was agreed that money from the Hearts of Gold operating account would be used to fund this. It was decided that \$100 per month/\$1,200 a year would be paid to the Tucson Police Foundation. It was suggested that this amount be reevaluated annually.
- ◆ Hearts Desire program – This item was tabled for another time so that it could be discussed by the entire Executive Committee.
- ◆ Appeals Process – It was decided that there should not be an appeals process. Members have an opportunity to resubmit applications if denied.

Bylaw change

The following Bylaw change was read for the second time and a motion was made by John Strader and seconded by Adella Hernandez to strike Article V, Section F completely. Motion was approved.

Article V, Section F: That the need for assistance has arisen from a single natural or catastrophic disaster, even those outside of the geographical boundaries of the City of Tucson, and has adversely impacted the contributing member or immediate dependent family.

The following section will be removed from the Bylaws. This change will need to be read at two- (2) consecutive meeting before becoming effective.

Article III, Section 8, c: The Chief of Staff will handle all appeals processes associated with denied requests for financial assistance by a contributing member. The Chief of Staff will arrange all appeals hearings and make notice of decisions back to the appealing member in writing.

NEW BUSINESS

Miscellaneous

The next meeting is scheduled for April 16, 2009 from 0830 to 1000 in the First Floor Assembly Room.

This meeting was adjourned at 1242 hours.