

Minutes
Lone Star Chapter Texas Municipal Clerks Association
Monthly Meeting
December 8, 2005

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Sandy Hart called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. with the following members and guests present:

Name	City/County
Debra Newell	Greenville/Hunt
Carole Kuykendall	Greenville/Hunt
Lori Philyaw	Greenville/Hunt
Karen Daly	Greenville/Hunt
Aimee Nemer	Murphy/Collin
Sandy Hart	Mckinney/Collin
Beverly Covington	Mckinney/Collin
Dorothy Brooks	Rockwall/Rockwall
Stephanie Galanides	Heath/Rockwall
Eddie Sturgal	Lowry Crossing/Collin
Bruce Dunn	St Paul/Collin

President Hart thanked Debra and Carole for hosting the lunch meeting and noted the beautiful Christmas decorations. She commented that due to inclement weather, many members were unable to make the meeting and she was sorry they were unable to attend.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 10, 2005

Eddie Sturgal (Lowry Crossing) made a motion to approve the Minutes as presented. Beverly Covington (McKinney) seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

3. APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report was not presented and will be reviewed at the next meeting.

4. DISCUSS/ACT ON AMENDING 2005-2006 BUDGET TO ALLOCATE MONEY FOR THE LONE STAR CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP

President Hart presented an amended budget allowing for a 50/50 split of a five dollar portion of the membership dues to be allocated to the Lone Star Chapter Scholarship and the TMCA Scholarship.

Dorothy Brooks (Rockwall) made a motion to approve the amended budget. Aimee Nemer (Murphy) seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

5. DISCUSS/ACT ON FUNDRAISING FOR LONE STAR SCHOLARSHIP

President Hart stated that the Chapter will conduct a silent auction at the Texas Municipal Clerks Certification Program (TMCCP) Election Law Seminar in January to raise funds for the Lone Star Chapter Scholarship. She stated that the Scholarship Committee would be charged with two objectives; to determine scholarship recipients, and to conduct fundraising activities for the

scholarship fund. President Hart announced that Eddie Sturgal had donated several items for the silent auction and encouraged other members wishing to donate to contact her or bring the items to the seminar.

6. INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER (DOROTHY BROOKS)

Vice-President Dorothy Brooks introduced Ms. Karen Daly, City Manager from the City of Greenville.

7. SPEAKER – GREENVILLE CITY MANAGER KAREN DALY – *“THE TOP 10 REASONS BY IT IS BETTER TO BE A CITY SECRETARY THAN A CITY MANAGER”*

Greenville City Manager Daly gave an enjoyable presentation listing the top 10 reasons it is better to be a City Secretary than a City Manager:

10. *“CSO” sounds better than “CMO” citizens would rather hear City Secretary’s Office than City Manager’s Office.*
9. *It’s better to hear Melinda Nickless from the Secretary of States office than City Attorney’s who speak at City Manager conferences.*
8. *City Secretary’s do not receive calls at 10:00 p.m. regarding a lost code book, whereas a City Manager may receive a 10:00 call about a citizens lost dog.*
7. *City Secretary’s usually can serve their entire career in the same city, whereas a City Manager is nomadic.*
6. *City Manager’s can’t use ‘State Law’ as an excuse as to why something can’t be done.*
5. *City Secretary’s have good legislation and have managed to eliminate all but two election dates per year (except for special circumstances)*
4. *City Secretary’s don’t have to get evil looks from former employees who have been terminated - and their families when you run into them at Wal-Mart.*
3. *Open Records only take 10 days! Contract negotiations can go on for months!*
2. *Councilmembers don’t try to do your job!*
1. *The City Secretary is the first one to know after each election who our new bosses are going to be!*

Ms. Daly also gave us some interesting facts about City Managers:

- There are 39 female City Managers out of 480 in Texas
- Female City Managers average 6 years before moving on to another City
- Out of the top 8 cities, 4 of them are managed by female City Managers – Austin, El Paso, Dallas, and San Antonio.

Ms. Daly expressed how lucky she is to have a great City Secretary and Deputy City Secretary and stated how important it is for the City Manager/City Secretary partnership to be a strong one with good communication.

Vice-President Dorothy Brooks presented Ms. Daly with a chocolate gift basket as a token of appreciation for speaking at the luncheon.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

President Hart reported that the Lone Star Chapter currently has 38 members.

b. FEBRUARY 2, 2006 MEETING – DATE AND LOCATION

President Hart reported that the next meeting would be February 2nd in Rockwall. Vice-President Brooks asked members to email her a meeting date they would like to host.

Secretary Aimee Nemer advised that she has a cookbook fundraising kit for the scholarship committee when they are ready to discuss the fundraising.

9. ADJOURN

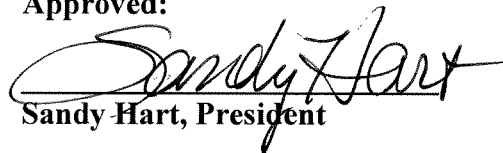
With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Aimee Nemer, Secretary

Approved:



Sandy Hart, President