

**District 47 Business Meeting  
October 2, 2003**

The meeting was called to order by Ron Still, Chairman.

Attending: Ron Still, Sid Harrell, Doranna Anderson, Richard J. Bowden, Diana Kees, Deborah Strickland, Debbie Bowden, and Beth Johnson.

Community service: Clothing ministry and thrift shop has provided about \$60,000 in community benefits since its opening on May 3. Volunteers are needed to unpack and display donations.

Membership report: The SEANC district membership report lists 389, but the leadership anticipates 400 members in its initial year. During the start-up time, we lost 16 members – 1 death, 7 to retirement, 2 transferred agencies, 6 quit state government. We will have a short training period in membership recruitment at the November meeting.

Web page: District 47 is going to its official site at <http://seanc47.org>.

Communications/Newsletter: Diana Kees will schedule four newsletters annually, with the next one to go out within two weeks after the November meeting. Deadline for articles will be November 12. We estimate 20 copies of newsletters will have to be prepared and mailed, while the balance of our members have access to E-mail and Internet. This will be the first official mailing of the new district.

Budget: An unbalanced budget was presented by the Chaiman. Beth Johnson seconded. Passed.

Receipts:

District share of dues	\$2,600
Total receipts	\$2,600

Expenditures:

Postage	\$240
Supplies	\$100
Legislative activities/social	\$100
Membership incentives	\$200
Scholarship	\$250
Internet	\$130
Convention	\$2,000
Misc.	\$250
Total expenditures	\$3,270

Shortage	\$670
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Budget shortfall: Various fundraising ideas were suggested: Beth Johnson and Kathy Cope will present raffle options. Ron Still will present Hershey candy and Houston peanut sales options. Deborah Strickland will present Coke and Cherrydale Farms sales. Others to be presented will be gambling cruises and working at Walnut Creek.

Meeting schedule:    November 6 – training and fundraising  
                                 December 4  
                                 January 8  
                                 March 4  
                                 May 6  
                                 July 1 – annual meeting  
                                 August 5 – final planning for the convention  
                                 October 5 – new fiscal year and new officers assume their duties

Chairman's proposal: The Chairman will deposit \$125 of his personal funds to open the required share and checking account at the State Employees Credit Union in order that SEANC can direct deposit the first dues money. He will be reimbursed as soon as the balance is high enough to write a check. Beth Johnson seconded as budget item. Passed.

Chairman's proposal: The Chairman will contract for Internet services, pay the first year from personal funds, and when the account balance is high enough, be reimbursed by check. Beth Johnson seconded as budget item. Passed.

Chairman's proposal: Use E-mail and Internet site in lieu of mailing an all member paper newsletter for those folks with Internet and E-mail service for a savings of \$1,288 annually. Beth Johnson seconded as budget item. Passed.

District book set: SEANC will provide District 47 with its official book set at SEANC expense.

Next meeting will be November 6, 5:30 at SEANC headquarters.

Submitted by Ronald Lee Still, Acting Secretary

Approved as amended on November 6, 2003.