



**Fort Bend Chapter
Meeting Minutes**

September 3, 2009

- Meeting called to order at 6:30PM.
- Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
- Introduction of members and guests.
- WIN & Best Practices Update - Julia Mercer announced that Louise Grasse could not attend tonight's meeting due to jury duty. Julia asked all members that signed up for WIN to stand up and be recognized. Julia encouraged all other members to sign up for WIN.
- ABWA National Board Poster "The Next Sixty" - Suzette Peoples spoke about the limited edition poster. All profits from the posters will be donated to the ABW Foundation from our 2008 – 2009 Nations Board for the upcoming Mentoring Project in WIN. Suzette purchased and donated a poster to our chapter. \$25 per poster.
- Beverly Calzada (Emerge Solutions) – Beverly announced that she the new web developer for our chapter website. She stated that the chapter website with have a total new layout. The chapter will be presented in a more updated and professional manner. Her goal is to optimize and get more visitors to our website.
- Guest Speaker – Sheri Parrack was our guest speaker. The title of her presentation was "Moving Forward with Positive Objectivities and Direction"
- New Member Affiliation Ceremony – Cathy James facilitated the ceremony. All new members were presented with a white rose. Cathy recommended that our chapter conduct the ceremony on a quarterly basis.
- Business Meeting - Tara Cook requested that everyone update their Kroger donation card. The old Kroger's cards are outdated. Tara also stated that Wal-Mart and Target doesn't offer donation programs.
- Outreach Initiatives – Julia Dean discussed the Creative Dreams and ways in which our chapter can volunteer. Ursula Chester discussed the nursing home project but stated that anyone that volunteers at the facility must provided proof of a negative TB skin test. Julia Mercer informed the chapter that she is leaning toward the Creative Dream project. Suzette Peoples stated that we need to ensure that we choose community service projects that falls within the ABWA mission statement.



- September birthdays and anniversaries – Tara Cook announced and congratulated all members with anniversaries this month. Congratulations to Suzette Peoples on her 25th anniversary with ABWA. Tara stated that record did not show that we have anyone in the chapter with a September birthday.
- Raffle – Amanda McCalla conducted the raffle.
- Other News – Melissa Lewandowski announced that Marilyn Nelson was in the ABWA National magazine as a Top Ten Candidate.
- Acknowledgement of Guests – Marilyn Nelson acknowledged and gave a special thanks to our guests.
- Benediction - Meeting adjourned at 8:15PM.