



January 18, 2005 Meeting Minutes

The January meeting was held at the Gruene River Grill. Ron Hamel, President, opened the meeting at noon. The meeting began with the presentation of awards to Steve Goodrich and Sandy Neuse, thanking them for their service to the organization. Steve served 18 months as the President, stepping into the vacated office, then serving his full term. He will continue to serve as Immediate Past President. Sandy has tirelessly filled the Secretary/Treasurer position for three years, keeping the minutes, maintaining records, getting badges, and handling the organizations funds.

Member, Larry Hammonds of Frost Bank and new member Roy Linnartz of CISD were recognized.

Detex was recognized as our host and George Bal introduced the guests in attendance from Detex, including: Mary-Jo Vargas-McCabe, Virginia Morales, Gene Boratko, and John Blodgett.

Ron Hamel introduced John Blodgett who spoke of Detex's history, products, and the diversification of their product lines. John stated that their competitive advantage came from the people and processes for providing superior services. He encouraged everyone to visit their website at www.detex.com.

The Minutes of the last meeting were approved by the members as were the financials. Membership dues arose as a topic for discussion. Steve Goodrich moved that dues be tabled for this meeting and be taken up at the business meeting. Roger Tuttle seconded the motion. The standing committees were requested to provide reports at the business meeting in February.

Ron Hamel then introduced the Honorable Danny Scheel, Comal County Judge. Judge Scheel presented a unique and informative perspective of county finances and projects emphasizing the need for enlightened leadership, additional businesses in Comal County and fiscal responsibility.

The meeting concluded with thanks to the members, guests, and our guest speaker.

Respectfully submitted: Arnold J. Cardenas, Secretary/Treasurer