

**TASO Basketball – Rio Grande Valley Chapter Meeting, January 6, 2016, 7:00 PM, Weslaco High School , Weslaco.**

President's Report: Carlos addressed several current issues.

Condolences were given to the members that have recently lost loved ones during the Christmas holidays.

The recent Mission Veteran's Memorial varsity boys' basketball incident was described and discussed. Two technical fouls were assessed to the Mission Veteran's Coach Romeo De la Garza Junior in the 2<sup>nd</sup> overtime period; he was therefore ejected. Several spectators were also ejected during the game including Romeo Del a Garza Senior, his wife, and wife of the varsity coach. The game officials were confronted in the varsity coaches' office by Coach De la Garza and in the hallway by De la Garza Senior. A UIL Incident Report was filed by R1 game official Robert Torres. The UIL has not made their findings nor their actions public per this date.

In light of the incident, Carlos recommended: Identify the game administrator. Ask them to be proactive in maintaining crowd control. They should not have to wait until an official requests action must be taken. Each chapter member has the right to scratch a school or team; the chapter as a whole does not have the right to scratch a school or team. The Chapter Board has the right to deny an applicant membership – i.e., Romeo De la Garza Senior. Enforce the rules – i.e., scorekeeper's jersey, proper player uniform, proper accessory colors, coach and player conduct, etc. File a UIL Incident Report when the situation dictates. UIL reportable incidents are player, coach and fan ejection; early game termination, verbal abuse, physical contact, other.

Carlos names the 2016 election nominating committee. They are: Chairman Oscar Ovalle, Joe Palacios, Eddie Duran, and Fernando Castillo. Call them if you are interested in running for an elective office. The offices which will be elected are assigning secretary, corresponding secretary, and treasurer. The nominating committee will screen candidates; recommend a candidate to the chapter.

Secretary's Report: Carl reported the roster has been updated and posted on the chapter website. There are 50-60 listed on the roster that have paid either the state or local fee but not both. They are ineligible for assignment. A few regularly assigned varsity officials failed to take all 3 the TASO exams. A few members did not score high enough on the exam. All were removed from varsity assignment by the assigner for the remainder of the year.

Manual Galindo motioned to adjourn; the motion carried.