

# La Sociedad Cultural Dominicana

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## Minutes

### 'Tarde Social Dominicana'

**Date of meeting:** Sun., Aug. 7, 2011

**Location:** 1010 Carlisle Dr. Arlington, TX 76017

**Host:** Divina Acosta Garcia (President)

**Members Attending:** Everet and Victoria Herda, Mauro Paus and his wife Maribel Guzman, Manuel and Lara Santana, Felix and Valeria Brito, Irving A. Caminero, Ruben and Nancy Moncivaiz, Mike Hatcher and Sheryl Santos-Hatcher, Ery & Delmi Gatón, Marcia Vanterpool, Tamara Antonetti, Roland Herrera.

**Guests Attending:** Ms. Olga Bencosme (Mauro Paus's mother), Carmen Luna, Amelec Gatón, Brunilda Estevez, Armando and Anais Frausto, Heriberto and Maria Rodriguez.

**1. Welcome, Introduction & Thank the hosts:** Divina welcomed everybody.

Ms. Olga Bencosme (Mauro Paus's mother) introduced herself and in a very emotive way reminded us of some of the tough times that she had to go through in her younger years back in the times when the dictator; Rafael Leonidas Trujillo was the Dominican Republic's Absolute Ruler.

Divina gave us some updates about her project that she is conducting in the Dominican Republic about improving the life poor children. She also manifested to us that her personal motivation to carry out this project was that she herself was one of these poor children at one point in her life. Divina also pointed out that one of the purposes of the association is to promote the Dominican Culture. Divina also expressed her plans of doing a calendar of activities for the association.

The association thanked former officials; Felix and Valerie Brito for their hard work and the contribution they provided for the association in the past two years. A certificate was presented to them by Divina Garcia (actual president) and Alicia Espinal (actual vice president) in an act of gratitude for their dedication.

**2. Financial Report:** Marcia Vanterpool informed us that the association balance as of June 2011 was \$4,726.20.

### **3. Committee Reports:**

**-Social Committee** (Isabel & Sheryl Santos) Sheryl raised the question that if in the upcoming social events, adults will also participate with their children representing different cultures.

**-Membership Committee** (Dulce Parker) informed us that she had notified 151 members that they needed to renew their membership. Three members renewed. Divina suggested that the association needed to increase the membership fee from 20\$ to 25\$. Felix suggested that there should be a limit in the ages of the children that are included in a member family. For example those children of age 21 or older should not be considered as part of a member family.

**-Culture/Education** (Mary Spence)

**-Fund Raising** (Tamara Antonetti & Luis Rondon) Tamara informed us that she is working in a project where she might be able to get free tickets which will later be sold by the association for \$5.

**-Newsletter** (Esteban Santana)

**-Public Relation** ( Vinicio Mota)

### **4. New Business:**

**5. Old Business/Activities Update:** Dulce informed us that there are people listed in the association web pages (in the business section) that have not renewed their membership. If these persons have decided not to renew their membership, they need to be removed.

### **6. Next Tarde Social(s) Schedule:**

**7. Meeting Adjourned:** 4:50 pm

**8. Social Time:** Members and friends shared conversations and enjoyed the wonderful Dominican food provided by our host Divina and her mother.

Submitted by: Ery Gatón Date: 08-30-2011  
Secretary