

NTSO Meeting

December 1st, 2005

Call to Order:

Meeting began at 11:50

Introductions of Guest Speaker:

Representative from Sam Houston Memorial Museum

New Business:

- We decided to vote on some changes that will be made during the January meeting.
- Our first vote will be to finalize the chapter status for the organization. We have chosen ANTSHE as the national organization that we will be joining.
- We will also vote on changing the responsibilities of president and secretary in the constitution to better work with the SGA for UFO funding, and other offices to provide funding for the organization (which will reduce the fundraising events needed).
 - The president will be required to coordinate with the student government association and other offices to maintain funding for the organization.
 - The secretary will also help with managing fundraising events, and make sure that the SGA rules are being followed properly in order for the organization to maintain UFO funding.

Old Business:

- No old business was discussed at the meeting.

Guest Speaker: Sam Houston Memorial Museum

- The museum is part of the university and is dedicated to preserving Sam Houston's memory along with the history of Texas; we should support the museum by visiting.
- The museum is open from 9a.m. to 4:30p.m., excluding Mondays and holidays; and 12-4:30p.m. on Sundays.
- The interpreter from the museum discussed the origins of Christmas and the holiday season. He talked about the winter holidays, and the origins of Santa Claus, the Christmas tree, and holly.
- After talking about the holidays, he discussed Texas history with the group and the purpose of the museum.
 1. The museum is located on the homestead of General Sam Houston.
 2. With the support of the community the museum has grown into what it is today. The museum received special funding in 1936 and now houses the main collection of Sam Houston memorabilia.
 3. Inside the museum you can find Houston's leopard-skin vest, a saddle that was captured from Santa Anna, and a life-size model of the famous Battle of San Jacinto painting.
 4. For info. http://www.shsu.edu/~org_ntso/meetings2004_2006.html.

Next Meeting: January 25th, 11:45 – 1:00 @ LSC Rm 319