

Meeting called to order by President Rafael Carrillo at 6:07 PM.

14 Members present

Minutes from April meeting were read aloud by Recording Secretary Armida Hernandez. VP Josefina Font motioned for them to be approved. Motion seconded by Treasurer Mara Villanueva.

Josefina expressed that due to low funds, EPITA will not be able to obtain outside speakers for our annual Jorge Dieppa Continuing Ed Conference.

Mara stated that the financial reports are not yet prepared, however, she does have all of the bank statements and assured that she will have all of them ready by our next Board meeting. Rafael will meet with Mara to orient her to the software program to use to facilitate the preparation of future financial reports.

Josefina shared that the meeting location requires a \$50.00 check deposit in order to maintain use of the location for our monthly meetings. She will provide Mara with the name and address to whom the check needs to be sent.

Rafael gave a training presentation entitled “Bananas and Rice: When Culture and Language go to Court.” This is a presentation he gave in May in Houston, TX to the Federal Defender Investigators and Paralegals seminar. He presented this as the first of two presentations. The focus was on how interpretation and T/T are affected by culture. In his words, “culture changes everything.”

During an open forum discussion of the training and other topics, Roberto Perez Diaz announced his latest book published entitled “Subsonic Flight to Tequila Therapy.” It includes a story involving translation and offered to share the story with EPITA as well as invited feedback about it.

Rafael stated that the Board will meet separately before our next monthly meeting. ‘

The meeting ended at approximately 7:32 PM.