

Hispanic RoundTable Meeting

April 23, 2010

In attendance:

Jose Diaz – HRT President

Jenaro Castañeda – *Retired*

Bill Fishburn – *Intel*

Paul Gallegos – *The Evergreen State College, HRT Board Member*

Delfina Gayle – *Labor & Industries*

Theresa Kimball – *College Success Foundation*

Renee Koenig – *HRT Assistant*

Rolondo Loya – *US Forest Service*

Sara Peté – *Timberland Regional Library, HRT Secretary*

Cynthia Santiago - *SeaMar*

Marcelino Soliz – *Portland Housing Center*

John Suessman – *Lacey Police Department*

Minutes from the last HRT meeting will be sent to board members online for approval.

President's Report – Jose Diaz

-The 2010 Latino Youth Summit will be held at The Evergreen State College on November 23.

-The theme will be:

--**My Actions + My Community = My Future**

--**Mis acciones + Mi comunidad = Mi futuro**

-Choosing the theme and artwork is always a priority because it helps to kick start fundraising efforts each year.

-We are now at a capacity building stage. Jose is hoping that we can have either two part time staff or one full time staff member.

-Intel is going to donate two Netbooks again this year.

-Motivational Speaker

--We are hoping to avoid a large motivational speaker honorarium this year.

--We'd like to do something that is just as powerful and reduce the price from \$2500 to around \$500.

--Video shown: Alianza student leaders from around WA State convene at the 2009 Latino Community Fund Summit

--- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wayZnL4XXUk>

--The idea is to host a panel of current students, of recently graduated alumni, and of community leaders.

---Hopefully these panel members can also have a presence at the information tables as well so that interested students can meet with them one-on-one.

--We'd like to have Uriel Uñiguez (WA State Commission on Hispanic Affairs) and John Paul Chaisson-Cardenas (Latino Community Fund, OSPI), Latino leaders, facilitate the panels.

--The summit is now running on a four year cycle of the colleges and universities in our area... The Evergreen State College, Centralia College, South Puget Sound Community College, and St. Martin's University.

HRT Board Reports

Vice-President – Veronica Bronkema

--Veronica got a promotion (Congratulations Veronica!) and she is moving to Seattle.

We'll be looking for an interim Vice President until the next election.

--Veronica also represents the HRT at the United Way meetings and we'll need to find a replacement to go to those meetings.

---Jenaro Castañeda volunteered to take over the United Way position.

Secretary – Sara Peté

-No report to share.

Treasurer – Shawn Lewis

-Shawn Lewis is leaving North Thurston Public Schools and joining OSPI.

-Hopefully this will not affect his position as HRT treasurer.

Youth Education Chair – Paul Gallegos

Mentoring Program - Emilio Vela, Jr.

-An LYS mentoring program is being developed.

-Hopefully we can work with the "Be the One" coalition and incorporate an ongoing mentoring program into the Latino Youth Summit work that we do.

-Be The One has many partners... WA College Access, WA State Mentors (funder), Big Brothers/Big Sisters, WA College Access Network (funder)

-We will attempt to partner, work together, and share resources so as not to replicate efforts in our community.

Website: Ivan Rodriguez

-It was suggested that we need a day where a team can get together and look at the website and discuss updates.

-Renee will email Ivan to try and find some dates when this could happen.

Community Announcements

-Marcelino Soliz – Portland Housing Center (PHC)

--The PHC provides education services for first time home buyers.

--They teach HUD program for first time buyers.

--The group began with services to African American and Latinos and they have expanded their scope but these groups are still their main focus.

--They offer down payment assistance and buy down programs.

--They have recently expanded from the Portland metro area to Multnomah, Clackamas, Washington, and Clark counties.

--They put on seminars four nights a week to large crowds.

--They have an I.D.A. program where if a prospective owner saves \$1000, they match it with \$3000.

--The PHC gets funding from donations from banks and loaning institutes, HUD, and local sponsors.

- Their yearly budget is between \$23 and \$29 million.
- They are a nonprofit.
- They work to support the volunteer run Latino Housing Initiative in Portland, OR.