

Hispanic RoundTable (HRT)

June 11th, 2012

In attendance:

Kathy Baros Friedt – Community Member, HRT Board Member

Bill Fishburn – Intel Corp., HRT Treasurer

Paul Gallegos – The Evergreen State College, HRT Board Member

Matt Gerard – Department of Natural Resources

Lilia Gomez – Washington Community and Migrant Health Centers (WCMHC)

Selina Gomez-Beloz – Centralia Timberland Library, HRT President

Rolando Loya – USDA Forest Service

Sara Peté – Olympia Timberland Library, HRT Secretary

Marcella Logan Thornburgh – Independent Contractor

Hanh Towe – Home Depot

President's Report

Jose has temporarily stepped down as HRT President due to personal challenges he is facing. Selina Gomez-Beloz is acting president in the meantime. The Board wishes him well during this difficult time.

Finances

Jose Diaz, Selina Gomez-Beloz, Olivia Salazar de Breaux, and Bill Fishburn are on the HRT bank account and can write checks for the HRT.

By-Laws

Board members approved and signed the edited by-laws into being.

Reyna Grande events on October 4th

The HRT will be cosponsoring a library event with the award winning author, Reyna Grande, on October 4th at 7:30 p.m.

The HRT is helping with the program costs by pitching in \$100.

Someone from the HRT, possibly Selina, will come to the event and say a few words about the HRT and the LYS at the event.

You can visit Reyna's website at: <http://www.reynagrande.com/>

Her new book is a memoir called *Across A Hundred Mountains* and it is a memoir

"Grande's spare, elegantly written tale of a young Mexican girl searching for her farmworker father, missing since he left to seek his fortune in 'el otro lado', is a timely and riveting read." --People Magazine

Upcoming HRT meetings

Wednesday, August 8th - Tumwater Timberland Library 3:00-5:00 p.m.

October 10th - Tumwater Timberland Library 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Treasurer's Report

Bill will have a full financial report for our next meeting. He was only added to the account last Friday and has not had a chance to put together a report just yet.

Art Contest

The website says two different things.

One deadline says June 1st and one says June 30th.

The deadline will be changed to June 30th.

The group decided to pull the art contest from the website and develop a strategy after June 30th.

Paul will email Ivan about this.

We don't have any complete entries.

Paul will ask Judy at Evergreen about artwork for this year's event. She has helped us in the past.

Sponsor Statements:

We are in the process of collecting Sponsor Statements for the website.

We have statements from Evergreen and Intel so far.

It is a statement of commitment as to where the supporting organization stands in terms of supporting the Latino Youth Summit and the Latino community in general.

These statements will be provided by consistent sponsors of the LYS.

Paul will send examples to Olivia who will send examples to the group.

WACAN

Theresa has been working on the grant and sharing information with Olivia.

MEETINGS

Selina suggested a organized structure for our HRT meetings.

It was suggested that we should give some time to status reports and then move into working meetings that discuss and make decisions about issues such as:

- Fundraising
- the Website
- and Networking with other organizations.

Paul suggested we have a session with the chaperones at the summit this year. This will help us to build stronger relationships with the staff at the schools.

Selina suggested we focus more on promotion of the HRT and the LYS at community events.

Matt suggested more youth involvement in planning. High school students and MeChA students from The Evergreen State College may be great resources for Latino youth that might like to get involved in the planning process. It was suggested that Skype may be one tool we can use to get youth involved in our meetings. Bill may also have access to other technologies that could help with this.

Home Depot

Hanh Towe introduced herself and let the group know that she'd be taking over as the main contact from Home Depot.

She works in HR and Home Depot is very interested in staying involved with the HRT and supporting the LYS.

Marcella Logan Thornburgh

Marcella moved to the region four years ago.

She has an MSW and she is a Child and Family therapist.

She has worked a lot with Latino communities in the Bay area and in Oregon.

She was on the board of ADELANTE MUJERES and is interested in being involved in the HRT and the LYS planning.

Matt Gerard

Matt works with the Department of Natural Resources and is interested in reaching out to the community.

He has worked with the state for eight years now.

Matt is a volunteer fire fighter.

Matt hires 250 fire fighters a year, they must be 18.

It was suggested that Matt might be able to do a program this year at the Latino Youth Summit.

Rolando Loya

Rolando works for the USDA Forest Service.

In terms of the percentage in the population compared to the percentage in the workforce, Latinos are one of the most under-represented groups in the federal work force and Rolando would like to help change that.