



The Hispanic Roundtable

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HISPANIC ROUNDTABLE MEETING

March 20, 2008

In Attendance:

Carlos Aguilera – CIELO Project
Veronica Bronkema – Labor & Industries
Lala Caudillo – State Farm Insurance
Jose Diaz – Centralia College
Kathy Baros Friedt – Community Member
Skyler Fulton – Athletes Unlimited NW
Chris Hamm – SPSCC & Salsa de Cuba
Rechele Heath – State Farm Insurance
Renee Koenig – ROOF Community Services Rochester
Shawn Lewis – North Thurston School District
Alicia Luna – WA State Hispanic Commission
Carmen Murphy – UniVera Life Sciences
Felix Negrón – Commission on Hispanic Affairs
Sara Peté – Olympia Timberland Library
Ivan Rodriguez – CHOICE Regional Health Network
Olivia Salazar de Breaux – SPSCC
John Seussman – Lacey Police Department

Welcome & Introductions

-Minutes were approved from the last meeting.

Quarterly Newsletter

-Olivia is working on the quarterly newsletter.
-Ivan will put it on the website.
-Olivia has the rates she charges for the Hispanic Women's Network for advertising if we'd like to use the same rates in the HRT newsletter.
-Alicia Cardenas Short will be doing the translating in exchange for an advertisement for her translation business.
-Deadlines will be created so that Olivia has the time to get the information all formatted and translated.

United Way Update from Veronica

-The HRT will need to create a Grants subcommittee.
-Jose has already written a letter of interest for a two fold grant for the Latino Youth Summit and Latino Parent Conference.
-Veronica is on the Health Committee with the United Way.
-Kathy will also be on a United Way committee, though she isn't sure which one she has been assigned to.
-There are three openings on the United Way board and they are particularly interested in having more people of color as well as people younger than 30 and older than 60 on their board.

Latina Empowerment Conference

On October 4th, 2008 the Hispanic Women's Network is hosting a Latina Empowerment Conference at SPSCC.

Treasurer's Report by Shawn Lewis

- Shawn passed around the current Treasurer's Report
- we had \$11,162.52 by the end of 2007.
- there are a few updates to that since. We've had more checks and a few expenses as well.

Membership Committee Update

- Dues are due currently due for 2008.
- We do a calendar year cycle; dues will go through the end of 2008.
- Olivia will mention membership in Newsletter.
- Carmen needs all updates for members who change agencies and/or contact information.
- If you can, please add your personal email since these do not tend to change as often as agency emails.

WA State Latino Owned Business Outreach

- Carmen suggested we bring brochures to invite agencies to join.
- This group is working on a Latino Business Resource Guide.
- Alicia will check with Uriel to see if it would be appropriate to bring HRT brochures to this meeting.

Webmaster Report from Ivan Rodriguez

- Meeting minutes are currently posted on the website in English.
- Calendar updates are still being maintained by Sara. If you have things to add, please email her at spete@trlib.org
- Ivan is now using google statistics to track website statistics.
- There were 5,400 hits in January.
- and 9000 hits in February.
- There are 3 emails within website.
- President emails go to Jose.
- Hispanic@hispanicroundtable.org go to Carmen and Sara.
- Webmaster emails go to Ivan.
- Newsletter emails will go to Olivia.
- Ivan can send newsletters to everyone on our email list.
- Olivia may work with Ivan to build an email based in the website so that she doesn't have to use her personal email to reply.
- We can create a newsletter subscription option on the website.
- Ivan would love any input on the website, please email him with any updates, and opinions rodriguezi@crhn.org
- people in the U.S., Mexico, Australia, UK, and Spain – all visiting the website

Update on Laptop for the Hispanic Roundtable

- \$900
- Will house the databases.
- Olivia will be in charge of the computer.
- Tech Soup is for non-profits.
- to use their services you must have a physical address and be in the community for more than one year.
- Ivan has applied and in a few weeks we should be able to buy software at greatly reduced rates.
- Tech Soup has many resources we can use if and when we qualify.

Athletes Unlimited Northwest – Skyler Fulton

- Skyler is an NFL player and a teacher.
- Athletes Unlimited runs clinics and camps and private education
- They are in the process of merging with Buck Mill Park in Lacey.
- Working on a 200,000 square foot facility.
- In the Fall they'll have a free program for kids, high school kids will mentor younger kids.
- Mentors will get perks like free trips to camp, clinics, etc.
- Skyler currently works with Sea Hawks and their nonprofits.
- June 7, Lacey – noon to 5, Sea Hawk softball & homerun derby – Buck Mill Park.
- fundraiser for Bobby's Foundation. (1st annual)
- May 3 Silent Auction – 7691 29th Ave NE, Suite B – Lacey WA 98516,
- Goal & Angle – to be about kids and education.
- Be the same person on the field as in the classroom.
- Build a staff and create an environment that builds continuity in the lives of kids.
- Do fundraising with kids to take the weight off of the parents.
- K-8 summer camps.
- Scholarship education, working with Evergreen... working with kids as they start high school.
- website: <http://www.athletesunlimitednw.com/freecamp.php>

New Business

Elections- the following people were re-elected...

President – Jose Diaz
Vice President – Veronica Bronkema
Treasurer – Shawn Lewis
Secretary – Sara Peté

Ivan will continue as the Webmaster
Cliff will continue as the Youth Education Committee Chair
Carmen will continue as the Membership Committee Chair

Kathy talked about Jose being a familiar face in the community as one of the many reasons that Jose should continue as President.

Latino Youth Summit

- October 29, 2008 at SPSCC
- April 9th from 1 to 2 at SPSCC will be the first planning meeting.
- Ivan would like a little summary and a blurb about each summit to put on the website.

Jose will look over the by-laws and bring any possible changes to a larger meeting.

Agenda item for next meeting – Donations online.

Steering Committee meetings

- will be meetings by email.
- send agenda items to Carmen and Carmen and Jose will finalize the agenda.

Old Business

- Parent conference.
- Workshops in Thurston, Lewis and Grays Harbor, and perhaps Mason and Pacific.
- Variety of classes: ESL, Literacy, Citizenship, Health, etc.
- Resource sharing.
- Alicia suggested contacting Abby Simmons & Robin Tiga for planning help.

July 25, 26, 27th – Hispanic Festival at Centralia College

Friday – workshops how to open a business and how to strengthen your business.

Capacity Building Grants

- Grants committee can work on the 5 year strategic plan.
- All day or weekend retreat.

Mentor program

- partner with agencies that already do so.

Big Brothers, Big Sisters

- they do have a lot of Hispanic kids, especially boys.
- please consider volunteering.

Chris Hamm with Salsa de Cuba

- Just got back from Costa Rica, intensive dance workshops.
- reggaeton
- Latin influence on Jazz is often ignored.
- She'd like to bring the Corado Brothers to the South Sound for workshops & stage performances.
- They have a video gallery on their website.
- They cost \$500 to \$1400.
- Chris has business contacts in the community to possibly help with funding.
- It was suggested we could perhaps use a performance like this as a fundraiser.

Saturday, April 19th 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Olympia Timberland Library

three authors with independent book publisher Akashic Books will be doing a reading and signing at the library.

Elizabeth Crane- winner of the Chicago Public Library s 21st Century Award

Nina Revoyr- winner of an American Library Association Stonewall Honor Book in Literature award

Abraham Rodriguez- American Book Award winner

Olivia will be updating brochure, please send her ideas.