



The Hispanic Roundtable

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May 29, 2008

Members and Guests Present:

- Jose L. Diaz, HRT President, Centralia College
- Carmen Murphy, HRT Membership Chair, Univera
- Cliff Moore, HRT Youth Education Chair, WSU Thurston County Extension
- Olivia Salazar de Breaux, South Puget Sound Community College
- Rechele Heath, State Farm Insurance
- Delfina Gayle, WA State Department of Labor and Industries
- Josefina Pilon, Saint Martin's University
- Maria Velasco, Mason General Hospital
- Julie Carrasco Pietz, Sacred Heart Catholic Church
- Lee Montalvo, Quake-Ready Kit
- Renee Koenig, ROOF Community Services
- Kathy Baros Friedt
- Lilia Gomez, WACMHC
- Emilio Vela Jr., DASA
- Alejandro Rugarcia, Safeplace

The meeting was called to order at 9:13 AM by Jose L. Diaz, President.

I. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MARCH 20, 2008**

It was moved by Julie Carrasco Pietz, seconded by Cliff Moore, and carried to approve the **MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 20, 2008 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING.**

II. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Jose L. Diaz**

As of June 2, 2008, Jose will begin his new job at the Office of Minority and Women's Business Enterprises as a Management Analyst 4. He continues to remain committed to the HRT Board for the next few years, but his new job may affect his involvement as far as attending all of the Latino Youth Summit planning committee meetings.

The HRT was not chosen as a recipient of the United Way grant this year, but the Roundtable will try again next year.

III. **BOARD REPORTS**

A. **Vice President – Veronica Bronkema** (absent)

No report at this time.

B. **Treasurer's Report – Shawn Lewis** (absent)

Jose noted that the HRT bought a computer which is to be used for the membership database and Roundtable files. There is still a small amount of funding in the HRT account to cover operational expenses. Cliff noted that it would be helpful to know what funds are obligated so that any leftover funding can be used for the 2008 Latino Youth Summit.

It was moved by Cliff Moore, seconded by Kathy Baros-Friedt, and carried to **INCLUDE A COLUMN INDICATING OBLIGATED FUNDS IN ALL UPCOMING TREASURER'S REPORTS TO HELP ITEMIZE EXPENDITURES.**

Furthermore, it was moved by Julie Carrasco Pietz, seconded by Maria Velasco, and carried that **IT BE MANDATORY FOR ALL BOARD MEMBERS TO PROVIDE A WRITTEN REPORT TO BE SHARED AT GENERAL MEETINGS IN THE EVENT OF AN ABSENCE.**

C. Membership Coordinator – Carmen Murphy

Carmen requested new membership brochures to be printed. Olivia suggested printing only a small batch because Paul Gallegos brought up some concerns regarding the clip art being used. The temporary version posted on the website has no clipart. **ACTION ITEM: Olivia will send the draft brochure to board members to gain feedback and will move forward with the updates so that brochures can be printed.**

D. Webmaster – Ivan Rodriguez (absent)

Ivan has been doing a great job at updating the website along with Olivia and Sara. The registration process for the 2008 Latino Youth Summit will be online. Although the suggestion of having electronic signatures was brought up, it was still decided to have parental consent forms downloadable so that hard copies can be mailed or faxed in with authenticated signatures.

E. Youth Education Committee – Cliff Moore

Latino Youth Summit: The 2008 Latino Youth Summit will be October 29, 2008 at South Puget Sound Community College – building 21 (Kenneth J. Minnaert Center for the Arts). Refer to our website for registration information and forms. The theme is **“Ayer. Hoy. ¿Y Mañana?”** Registration will begin early September. At this point several people have approached Cliff about volunteering. A volunteer training session and tour is scheduled at the college on October 27th. The committee decided as a group that all volunteers will be required to do a background check which will be processed by the state patrol and done by WSU Thurston County. This will help us take the necessary measures to keep the youth participants and other volunteers safe.

The next Latino Youth Summit planning committee meeting is June 10th, 2:00 PM in building 22, Room 200A at South Puget Sound Community College. Parking passes are required. Participation via conference call is also available. To receive a parking pass or gain information about conference call participation please contact Olivia Salazar de Breaux at 360-596-5245 or osalazar@spscc.ctc.edu. All youth summit planning subcommittees have been formed and have leadership. This is the fifth year the summit has been coordinated, and many of the committee members have returned from previous years and are familiar with the process.

Save the Date postcards have been mailed to local school principals, Superintendents, Counselors, Librarians, and teachers in high schools throughout the five counties. Extra hard copies are available. **If you have a specific contact you wish to share this information with, please contact Ruth Elder at 360-786-5135 or elder@co.thurston.wa.us.**

This year's budget is expected to be around \$18,000 which will cover food, speaker fees, t-shirts, etc. Cliff has recently learned of a potential funding opportunity through the Thurston Community Network in the amount of \$2500. **ACTION ITEM: Cliff will follow up with**

forwarding necessary paperwork to Jose and/or Olivia for the Thurston Community Network funding opportunity.

Each year the summit will rotate at a different hosting college. The 2009 Latino Youth Summit will be at Saint Martin's University. The 2010 Latino Youth Summit will be at The Evergreen State College.

Last year Pedro "Elijah" Valdivia was the artist whose image was used last year for the LYS t-shirts and programs (as well as Hispanic Legislative Day). Part of money the HRT currently has saved up will pay the \$500 stipend to obtain rights to use an image for this year's LYS marketing/t-shirts. Additionally, Pedro's art will be on display for a month prior to the summit at the college in the Diversity and Equity Center, building 27 (Student Union Building). Cliff still has 25 signed posters from last year's event and suggested using them as part of the funding letter package for potential donors.

Julie Carrasco Pietz shared that years ago, she befriended Seattle based Mexican artist Alfredo Arreguin, who offered (for a small fee) to sign 250 posters for her group to sell as a fundraiser. Each one sold for \$15 and raised over \$3,700. She suggested something similar can be done by the HRT. Cliff mentioned that a celebration auction and dinner can also be in order to help raise funding. Kathy agreed about the auction and dinner event, noting that such events have raised tremendous funding with the many other organizations she is involved in. It would take over a year to plan a successful fundraiser event and if the HRT is hoping to secure funding to expand its operations, this would be a viable project to begin focusing on.

IV. GUEST SPEAKER: Emilio Vela Jr.

Emilio has been a resident of Washington State since 1993. He was born in Monte Ray, Mexico and his family immigrated to this country during the 1963 vacero movement. He graduated from the University of Washington and loves this area and the community connections he has made.

In 1996, Emilio tragically lost his nephew in a massive school shooting. He was 15 years old and in 9th grade, and lost his life sitting in math class. Since then, Emilio has been passionate about mentorship for young students, who desperately need positive figures in their lives. He has recently gotten involved with **Be The One**, a program organized by Kristi Strup through the Thurston County Department of Health. The program was created to establish a mentorship program for high-risk youth. Emilio is seeking a partnership with a community based organization, which he hopes will be HRT, to show support and link up resources. The intent is to create an alliance and visibility. The organization will be listed as a sponsor on **Be The One** marketing brochures. He feels that the HRT is a perfect fit for this because of the work being done on the Latino Youth Summit, and the HRT's commitment to youth education. An organizational representative will need to attend **Be The One** events and meetings, and Emilio is happy to take on that role as a liaison.

Jose noted that this is great timing to approach the HRT because a mentorship program was one of the projects the organization was planning to create. This way they don't have to reinvent the wheel. This will allow the HRT to tap into the community and ways to further make a difference. HRT's activities will be further promoted and fundraising can be even easier with more visibility and acknowledgement of our projects. A motion was made by Josefina Pilon, seconded by Cliff Moore, and carried to **CREATE A NEW "COMMUNITY**

**OUTREACH" SUBCOMMITTEE TO FOCUS ON A MENTORING AND LEADERSHIP PROGRAM,
OF WHICH EMILIO VELA WILL CHAIR.**

V. Capacity Building Grants

The HRT would like to expand as an organization and secure a physical office location. Jose will be working on grant opportunities, but understands that a big fundraising event will need to take place for significant monies to be secured. Emilio suggested approaching the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction since our focus is on education, and much of what we do are projects the OSPI wants to accomplish. **ACTION ITEM: Emilio, Cliff, and Jose will follow up on this possible partnership with OSPI staff member Rodrigo.**

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- On July 25, 26, and 27th a Hispanic Festival will be held at Centralia College.
- From July 14 – August 8th, a Full Immersion Spanish Institute for beginning Spanish speakers will be held at the Hawks Prairie Campus, South Puget Sound Community College. It is offered through WSU Thurston County Extension. Cost is \$1195. There must be 15 students participating in order to run the class. **ACTION ITEM: Cliff will send a brochure to Olivia for sharing with the HRT distribution list.**

No further business. Meeting adjourned at 11:01 AM by Jose L. Diaz, HRT President.

Minutes respectfully submitted.

Olivia Salazar de Breaux, HRT Administrative Assistant.