



**JUNTOS Adults-at-Large**  
**Meeting January 13, 2009 8:30-10:30**  
**UNMLA, Lecture Hall Bldg #2**

**Vision:** "JUNTOS, a youth-driven initiative to create a new future through unity, by embracing and valuing all people, communities, and cultures."

Attending: Cedric Page, Gillian Sutton, Diane Toups, Janelle Vigil-Maestas, Lori Heimdahl Gibson, Robert Gibson, Diana Martinez, Robert Sarracino, Jennifer Hanson Bartram

**ACTION ITEMS GENERATED:**

<b><u>Item:</u></b>	<b><u>Person:</u></b>	<b><u>Date Completed:</u></b>
Have a student talk with Eva Pacheco at LAHS	Diane	
Meeting to be held at LAHS for recruitment	Diane, Jenn	
Identify an adult at McCurdy to lead students	Lori, Jenn	
Find chaperones for Youth Team-building Workshop	Everyone	
Contact Cindy Eaton regarding Relay for Life	Diana	
Check dates of summit and AP testing	Diane	
Financial Report updated monthly	Jenn	

Meeting began at 8:30am

**Welcome, Introductions and Thank You's:**

Gillian nominated JUNTOS for Youth Organization of the Year with the Española Chamber of Commerce. The banquet will be held on January 24<sup>th</sup>. The Teen Center was also nominated.

**Review and accept last adult minutes:** No finance committee chair at this time.

**Steering Committee (SC) progress and review:**

Steering Committee:

- Miscommunication on the bowling outing for PVHS. 2 students did not attend; they thought they needed to have a team. . . we need an adult on the steering committee for Pojoaque to get better communication.
- LA - many students are Seniors and busy.
- Asking Eva Pacheco to assist Diane at LAHS.
- KJ Juarez said she'd like to take a youth leadership role at LAHS
- Need to set-up a meeting and talk to kids about JUNTOS at LAHS
- We need an adult at McCurdy with an activity immediately following student sign-up.

- 21 people at the bowling activity. Natural helpers training was also that same weekend with a lot of those same kids involved with JUNTOS.
- We now have a connection with the principal at PVHS, Vera Ortiz. Shawna Chavez called Lori and said she had hired someone who would be the PVS JUNTOS contact.
- EVHS Team is very strong and active. They are meeting at lunch every other week.

**Upcoming – Youth Team-building Workshop with Sean Hall on Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> at NPMC, 10-4:**

- Diana, Janelle, Lori, Jenn, and Cedric volunteered to be chaperones for the Youth Team building workshop.
- Wanting 30 kids to be there. . . ideally 10 from EVHS, 10 from PVHS, and 10 from LAHS
- Jenn will contact Michelangelo Lavato to see if he could volunteer also.
- Youth recruiting. . . the adult leader at each school can keep a list, and/or contact Lori or Jenn.

**Student Exchange:** Will work on Feb. 16-17<sup>th</sup> (LA to the Valley) and April 26-27 (Valley to LA). Cedric suggested that maybe an orientation for the kids beforehand and limit to 5 kids from each community. Also, limit to one day at home, one overnight and one day at school this 1<sup>st</sup> year.

Diane – could be a liability issue

Cedric – have parents sign release.

Diane – same release as for the summit

Robert- this is not to entertain the student but the more interesting part are personal things; normal cultural things and family activities. With the student exchange and youth summit so close together could that cause an issue? Discussion disclosed they are headed by different people so most likely not an issue.

**Trip to Russia:** 4 girls in Española are excited to go. The priest of 2 of the girls promised the girls that they will go and money is not going to be an issue. 10 slots are open for the kids. Limited by age: 2-3 JUNTOS kids possibly going. \$1,000 committed from Richard Cook. Costs about \$2,000 for each youth.

Diana – 1 page flier or something about the Russia opportunity so other kids are aware.

**Youth Summit. . . targeting May 1-2 at El Rito: (Note: Steering Committee wants summit to be held in July rather than May. . . from Jan. 14 meeting.)**

Diane – will check if the Summit weekend is the same as the weekend before AP testing days.

Youth Summit – have kids come around 5 on Friday and stay until Sunday early afternoon. Last year's cost for 60 people was \$1,916 - total bill from Northern. They charged only the cost of food, minimal charge for the rooms.

**Funding:** Robert- Fiscal year ended in June. . . \$26,000 raised or committed so far. Kids set the goal of \$50,000 to raise this year. Big sponsors may continue.

Diana will assist with transitions. Jenn will draft a once a month report on the financial status.

**Funding Needs:** Summit and Russia. Go to businesses. Lynn Zollinger, who is coordinating the trip has some ideas on how to raise money and will be at the SC meeting tomorrow, Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>.

ROBERT SARRACINO (guest): shared a program for junior youth (11-14 yrs old). Purpose of the program is to teach ethical and moral values, develop communication and develop critical thinking skills.

They do service activities (go to the animal shelter and feed and care for the animals). Students go through workbooks with stories and discussion. 15yr - 30yr old trained facilitators, so the students relate better. This is a service with moral and spiritual values. Particular dogma is absent. It isn't a "tactic". This program was developed through the BAHA'I and the fundamental belief of BAHA'I is freedom of thinking. Robert will get a copy of the workbook for further consideration.

**Relay for Life** from Cindy Eaton June 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. Cindy would like to get a group together from JUNTOS. Talk further in steering committee. Diana will make a connection with Cindy. Diana could be a potentially a team leader for this.

**Authentic Dialogue** took place with much of the emphasis on the political changes coming up in 7 days.

Cedric – at UNM-LA International Board Game night - Friday January the 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 and a family orientated potluck that same night.

Lori – mentioned her concern with the low attendance at this meeting.

January 24<sup>th</sup> – Gillian invited people to help with community bowl painting at Bethlehem Church, 10-3, for the March 14<sup>th</sup> Empty Bowl to be held at Betty Ehart Center.

**Next Adult-at-Large meeting on April 16<sup>th</sup> – in Española at the Teen Center, Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> from 8:30-10:30 AM.**

Meeting ended 10:10

Thank you to Cedric and UNM-LA for hosting the meeting.

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