



JUNTOS Steering Committee
Meeting March 16th 6:30 - 8:00
Speech Theater - LAHS

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

Time Started: 6:30

Time Ended: 8:00

In Attendance: Ashley Duran (E), Cassandra Casias (E), Tania Espinoza (E), Claudia Espinoza (E), Tatiana Espinoza (E), Jacqueline Avitia (E), Dulce Avita (E), Michael Lapcevic (E), Lori Hemdahl Gibson (L), Peggy Pendergast (L), Jenn Hanson Bartram (L), Benigno Sandoval (L), Maurice de Segovia (E), Eileen Kysar (L), Kayla Arnone (L), Diane Toups (L), Maneesha Chitanvis (L), Kyle French (L), Nat Gustafson (L),

ACTION ITEMS GENERATED:

<u>Item:</u>	<u>Person:</u>	<u>Date Completed:</u>
- Identify an effective adult leader from Pojoaque		
- LAHS Team will need to plan exchange	Diane	
- By next month have specific fund raising ideas		
- Determine funding assistance from church	Ashley, Jolene	
- Plan the next social event	EVHS	
- Start planning the Youth Summit	Dulce, Jackie, Cassandra, Tatiana, Claudia, Tania, Ashley, Mauriceo, Kayla, Manesha Nat	
- Identify (12) volunteers for Group Leaders for Youth Summit		

- **Ice Breaker** – each participant introduced themselves to the person seated next to them and stated why they joined JUNTOS. Shared information about partners with the large group.
- JUNTOS is about to celebrate 2 years. . . first adult meeting was April 16, 2007. . . first youth meeting, May 29, 2007.
- **Lessons Learned:**
Team Building Workshop – Sean Hall facilitated
 28 youth and 11 adults - good attendance from EVHS, LAHS, and PVHS
 “We played meaningful games”

Student Exchange:

Kayla stayed with the Espinosa family, “learned a lot about their culture, closest sisters I’ve ever met. I was treated well in the high school.”
 Asli had a different, great experience at Shayla’s - they went bowling, played Guitar Hero. They went to the tv production class the next day.

10 students raised their hand they want to participate in an exchange
 Manesha would like to host next time, Peggy, and Nat will host
 Espinosa family, Dulce and Jackie would also like to participate.

- Students from EVHS will come up on Sunday and then Jenn will take them back down after school on Monday.
- Meet at 2:00 to start the exchange.

- Dulce, Jackie, Tatiana, Claudia, Ashley and Jolene would like to participate.
- Next exchange, April 26th and 27th (EVHS coming to LAHS) LAHS will need to make a plan for that Monday (Diane said not all classes, some fun stuff, too.)

Russia – we have Gina Stroud and Dulce Avitia, Jolene and Ashley Duran going to Russia July 2nd – July 18th. We need \$2,000 for each person. \$1,000 has already been promised by Richard Cook to be used for the Española students. Jolene and Ashley’s church will also help with fund raising for them. Next Tuesday Lori will be with the Española Mayor Joe Maestas to try and raise money from Española businesses. We need everyone to be thinking about how to raise money. (The Sunday Posse Shack breakfasts are all scheduled.)

Youth Summit – El Rito July 24, 25, 26th (Maximum for El Rito campus is 60 people) we need a committee for the Youth Summit. Nat was a trained facilitator – broke up into small group and Nat and Andrew facilitated the small group (team). Ten Youth Leaders had a special training the day before for last year’s summit. Need 12 people for training. Help with the Summit – Dulce, Jackie, Cassandra, Tatiana, Claudia, Tania, Ashley, Maurice, Kayla, Manesha and Nat.

Maurice – Social Justice. . . many people are expected to abandon their culture to be “American”. The over arching thing is that people who are different are required to become the same. “They don’t assimilate into our culture” meaning what is it really to be an American? Maurice shared information on Theater of the Oppressed workshops and Workshops on Social Justice. More time is needed to discuss these possible activities.

Another activity planned for this spring – i.e. camping, fishing. Española team will take on the planning of this activity during an upcoming lunch meeting.

Wed., April 22nd, Steering Committee meets next at EVHS. . . . time will be determined.

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