



**JUNTOS Adults-at-Large
Meeting January 14, 2009
Steering Committee Meeting
Española High School, Mr L's Classroom**

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

4:10 start time
5:45 end time

In Attendance:

Lynn Zollinger, Claudia Espinoza, Lawry Mann, Tatiana Espinoza, Jolene Duran, Shayla McCall, Jaqueline Aulitia, Brandon Carter, Leandra Gallegos, Ashley Duran, Gabrielle Fresquez, Justine Salazar, Joseph Roybal, Mauricio de Segovia, Miguel Moreno, Claudia Espinoza, Josephine Pyun, Catherine Pyun, Diane Toups, Nathana Bird, Diana Martinez, Monse Carmona, Manny Baca, **Rudy Salazar, Dulce, KJ Juarez, Adrian Geigos**, Lori Heimdahl Gibson, Jennifer Hanson Bartram.

ACTION ITEMS GENERATED:

<u>Item:</u>	<u>Person:</u>	<u>Date Completed:</u>
Ice skating event some time this winter	Nat Gustopheson	
Recruiting LAHS students for workshop	Diane Toups	
Chaperone the Team Building Workshop	Manny Baca	
Date for the summit	Lori Heimdahl Gibson	

Russia Trip: SAROV (85,000 people) Every other year youth from NNM go to Russia – \$2,000 cost includes the airfare, housing and food is paid for each participant needs only to take spending money. The plan is to arrive in Moscow and then board a train for 12 hours to Sarov. Most of the kids in Russia speak English and translators are available. Age limit – freshman, sophomore and juniors and they are expected to come back and share their experiences. Also expected to host someone from Russia when they come to Los Alamos. Sarov is a closed city with a 30 mile fence around it. Most Russians can't get into Sarov.

Fundraising Options: Wal-Mart matches everything you make so let's consider doing something there.

The suggestion was made to look at a variety of things, for instance, Espanola has a sister city in northern Mexico – has there ever been an exchange with that city? Are there cultural issues in Russia that are issues here? It was discussed that the youth didn't want to just rub elbows but really address the tough issues.

Next Meeting: Another meeting January 29th Thursday night at the library at 7pm (rooms 2 & 3) website: losalamossarov.org Only 10 kids, total, are able to go to Russia. Lynn Zollinger can be reached by email at: lynnzollinger@hotmail.com

Decision Deadline: Before Valentine's Day we will have an answer as to how many JUNTOs kids can go to Russia.

Lori - We need commitment, follow through and a promise to keep your word

Other Activities: Winter activity – Nat Gustopheson would like to do an ice skating event after the team building activity January 31st. Start at 10 be done with training with Shawn Hall.

Reports: Student Exchange – article in the LA Monitor. Student exchange may occur on April 26 and 27th for Pojoaque and Espanola to come to LA. Other dates that are a possibility everyone is off the 16th and LA is off on the 17th. It was suggested that the first year to keep it very simple, only one day one night and one day in school. No more than 5 kids maximum.

Youth Presentation to Leadership Los Alamos – 4 from EVHS and 3 from LAHS.

Presentations to JUNTOS from each other. Nothing planned for March so maybe have the sister give presentation on Equidore.

Adult Meeting - only 9 adults at UNMLA.

International Night for Board Games– Potluck at January 23rd at 6pm in building 2.

Manny Baca has volunteered to chaperone on that day.

Lori - We need to focus on Team Building, Youth Summit, Russia. Looking at May 1st – 3rd for the Summit. We should have a special meeting for the Youth Building. (May is tough for Espanola due to finals.) I'm a little concerned regarding finding a space. There was only one weekend in June and one weekend in July available: due to graduations May is a tough month for the summit. No to May 1-3 (5) (6) requested to check in July.

Diane is working hard to recruit kids from Los Alamos.

T-shirts have been ordered for the Teen Building and hoodies will be available for the Summit.

Next meeting date: 10 minute meeting during the Team Building Workshop.