

**Minutes**  
**JJAB 2009 Annual Retreat**  
**Wednesday, October 21, 2009**  
**UNM-LA Lecture Hall**  
**4000 University**  
**9:00 am – 1:00 pm**

Present: Alan Kirk, Georgina Williams, Grace Brown, Tommy Rodriguez, Janine Tulenko, Darla Dover, Jody Benson, Barb Marcille, Linda Anderman

Others: Sharon Stover, Cheryl Pongratz, Debbie Gill, Kim Thomas, Tyler Martinez, Susan Mack, Kristine Cobletz, Holly Walker, Samantha Ruse, Dawn Jalbert, Diana Martinez, Richard Lindahl, Kevin Holsapple, Marcia Mundt, Jeremy Hatfield, Shawn Amburgey, C.J. Horne, Oliver Funsten, Bethany Latellier, Sarah Taylor, Alan Conner, Linda Hull, Lori Heimdahl Gibson, Art Brown, Kim Salvage, Lisa Clough, Micheline Devaurs, Carole Steward, Chris Hazard, Melanie McKinley, Allison Scott Majure,

1. Chair Alan Kirk called the meeting to order, welcomed all and introduced Dr. Earl Suttle.
2. Dr. Earl Suttle gave an interactive presentation on Becoming the Greatest You Can Be—Enjoying Excellence. To achieve excellence work on your enthusiasm; lighten up; laugh more, lead and connect with yourself first; always seek ways to grow and develop; celebrate more; relate stories; reflect on life, attend seminars in order to grow; personal growth determines organizational growth; to earn more you need to learn more; always do more than you're asked to do; give yourself to yourself before you give yourself to others; exercise; turn your car into motivational learning tool by listening to cds/tapes; remember the Seven A's: affirmation, alone time, attitude, ant philosophy, association, active and ask for help.
3. Break and Networking; set up for youth panel.
4. Youth Panel Facilitated by Dr. Earl Suttle – High School Students C. J. Horne, Oliver Funsten, Bethany Latellier, Samantha Rust, Tyler Martinez, Sara Tuzel, Holly Walker and Emma Carroll discussed issues youth face in Los Alamos. Alan Kirk introduced participants and audience to the panel discussion goal: honesty and facts from the student perspective. He asked, “what can we do to give you tools for better success.” The comments were confidential. All the panel members introduced themselves and described how they envision themselves in five years.  
Youth comments: LA is in a bubble and has little relationship with the rest of the world. Kids need to be better prepared to go off into the world. Relationships with other communities need to be developed. The JUNTOS program was mentioned and some youth said they never heard of it. A discussion of different methods of communication then developed. Students commented they don't hear about a lot of opportunities that are in the community; kids suggested that the best way to communicate info is to visit classrooms and connect to kids.

Question from adults: What activities do kids want to see? Answer: Kids want activities that allow them to be productive; want activities on the weekend evenings to get a break from

weekly activities. Kids like to socialize without adult supervision; kids like to do stuff for kids without oversight; they like open, equal activities, kids want to create an environment where everyone trusts each other.

Youth Program Suggestion: high school mentoring program with elementary age kids; after school activities

A discussion developed concerning religious after school programs. The Young Life program was discussed: it's a club; it's working well, it's something to do, people care about you, way to meet new people, need more similar programs. Club school policy was discussed.

Face book is a way to communicate about youth activities where kids can talk, do physical activities (play the game Cops and Robbers), play soccer at night on the foot ball field.

Kids want adults in Los Alamos to make them a space. The sound ordinance creates problems for kid activities.

Conclusions:

- (1) parks need to be utilized by youth more
- (2) youth/police interaction needs to be improved
- (3) LA needs to open community to youth
- (4) LA needs job opportunities for youth

5. Buffet lunch was available in conference room.

6. Board Members and youth panel members were encouraged to fill out (a) suggestions for future JJAB focus which resulted from Youth Panel Discussion and (b) the Retreat Survey. 19 of these forms were turned into the coordinator.

7. Adjourn– 1:00 pm

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2009 JJAB Annual Retreat Survey Results--  
(rated on a scale of 1-poor, 5—excellent)  
19 forms returned

Presentation–	4.32
Youth Panel Discussion –	4.32
Food/Beverage –	3.36
Facility –	4.58

Survey comments are available upon request to Board coordinator.

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Suggestions for JJAB Focus:

- create activity opportunities for youth
- re-institute the job lottery for kids for summer jobs
- create weekend night events; give youth space to just hang out. When students have a

- space to hang out with minimal (but adequate) supervision, they will stay out of trouble.
- JJAB should have more youth involvement! Also more positive adults in the community that don't have to push religion.
  - find a better way to communicate with youth
  - encourage Police to treat youth better
  - advocate for a place for youth activities
  - hire a person to serve as a youth intermediary to help kids navigate "the systems" for all kinds of issues
  - find a way to intercede with some of the institutions such as schools, police, etc. on behalf our youth and their suggestions; chip through old regulations that may no longer work and may even be detrimental to our community as a whole. Open community assets to youth, especially on Friday and Saturday nights. JJAB should focus on making the most of what we have and adding those things that we might lack that could benefit our youth.