

JUNTOS Adult Meeting
UNM-LA Lecture Hall, 8:30-10:30 AM
December 14, 2007

Minutes - Draft

Attendees: Leonard Valerio, Robert Gibson, Diana Martinez, Donna Schroeder, Lindsay Milligan, and **Lori Heimdahl Gibson, Facilitator**

- After the welcome and introductions, Robert Gibson made a motion to accept the minutes from the September 20th adult meeting and Diana Martinez seconded the motion. All agreed. Youth minutes from October 24th and December 6th were included in the packet, along with JUNTOS Workshop Summary of Content from September 30th.
- Lindsay Milligan is the new Youth Director at the LA YMCA who will be working with JUNTOS. Welcome, Lindsay!
- Announcements included the following:
 1. We have some tentative dates for the Youth Summit (May 28th and 29th) which is the week after LAHS, EVHS, and McCurdy HS graduations.
 2. Our meeting today was postponed from December 11th due to bad weather.
 3. The **next youth JUNTOS meeting is February 6th at LAHS**, EVHS students will be bused up and they will meet during LAHS lunch period. We will see if LAHS students can request to miss their class right after lunch in order to have a longer meeting time.
 4. Janelle Vigil-Maestras is conducting a conference call on Monday, December 17th at 11:30 AM with Josephine Martinez who could be the facilitator for the Youth Summit. If anybody is interested in participating in the call, please contact Lori. (This call has not been confirmed as of Friday afternoon.)
 5. The **Sean Hall team-building training is now going to be held on February 23rd for JUNTOS at Fuller Lodge**. We want to try and get T-shirts for the training and are hoping for 15 students from each community to attend.
- The December 6th Youth meeting had a turn out of 21 students and adults. There were 2 new students from McCurdy HS and several from EVHS! Due to the fact there was a Cross-country banquet that night, there was only 1 LAHS student that could attend. Diane Toups stated that it is not because of the lack of interest on LAHS students, it was just a bad night for them.
- Janelle is taking the lead on the youth summit and we have proposed dates of Wednesday May 28th – Thursday May 29th. The summit would be 2 full days and 1 overnight at the El Rito campus. 50 students would be the maximum allowed to attend. There was talk about possibly doing an application or a sign-up for the summit. Janelle is requesting funding from LANL foundation for the summit after January 1st.
- There was discussion about the training that Sean Hall will be doing for JUNTOS. The reasoning behind the training is a step towards joining the two communities one step at a time. LAYL students wanted to have a dance with many students from both communities, but there was a decision made that the communities are just not ready.

The proposal instead was to do the team building with Sean Hall first. We probably will wait until after the Youth Summit to do a joint dance.

- Sharon asked if there had been a follow-up with the students on the Racism Workshop, and Lori said there was.
- Lori highlighted and summarized some aspects of the workshop on racism. The students at the December 6th meeting shared some personal stories about some experiences they have had with racism. Joanna Eager, the facilitator of the workshop, challenged JUNTOS to continue the racism dialogue and discussions. She talked about colorblindness vs. race consciousness, and dominant and subordinate groups. She says it is important that we are aware of our surroundings and what is happening. She focused on what prejudices we have as individuals and how we as individuals need to deal with them.
- The stalled-out murals project was discussed and Nathana Bird is going to lead that project and is going to work with Hands Across Cultures.
- Upcoming 2008 Event Goals were also discussed. For 2008, the goals of the Sean Hall's team-building training, the Youth Summit, and the murals were to be completed!
- Lori commented on how wonderful EVHS looked. She was very pleased. She also commented on last time the EVHS students came to LAHS, Diane Toups gave them a VIP tour and they seemed thrilled.
- An important issue right now is that we need to raise money for the Youth Summit. Sharon and Donna gave a rough estimate of the cost of \$10,000 for the Summit. There was talk about getting grants to fund the summit and Robert stated there were some corporate leads that could be nailed down.
- Robert then took over and talked about funding and money. He proposed the budget for next year would probably be around \$20,000 including funds for the Youth Summit and said that we have half of that in the bank now. Diana suggested maybe New Mexico State Grants and Leonard suggested looking into the Wal-Mart Foundation. Sharon said that we have access to a grant writer through JJAB, and Leonard said that we could use the resources at EPS, too.
- There was some talk about the mission and vision statements and Donna suggested we ask the youth for help. They may take more pride in the program if they have participation in the mission and vision statements.
- Kate Thomas who is the curriculum coordinator for LAPS asked JUNTOS if they would do some peer tutoring. It is a good idea, but Lori suggested the students might not be ready to take that step yet.
- Lori touched on discussing stipends for some of the Youth JUNTOS members. Donna suggested only if they have specific jobs and tasks assigned to them. She has issues with paying people to volunteer.
- We have a logo contest, but no one has entered it yet. We need a JUNTOS logo asap!
- **The next adult JUNTOS meeting will be held at the YMCA Teen Center in Española on Tuesday, March 11th from 8:30-10:30 AM.**

Thank you to UNM-LA for providing the lecture hall for the meeting!

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