

JUNTOS Adult Meeting, August 5, 2008

Teen Center, Española, NM, 8:30-10:30 am

Attendees: Allen Kirk, Sharon Stover, Cedric Page, Dulce Avitia., Nikki Harnish, Robert Gibson, Lori Heimdahl, Manny Baca, Diana Martinez, Ben Sandoval, Linda Daly, Debbie Gill, Donna Schroeder, Diane Touns, Jessica McAllister, Maurice de Segovia, Nathana Bird, Zachary Fresquez, Timothy Cowan, Amber Gomez, Shawna Chavez.

ACTION ITEMS GENERATED:

Date/PERSON: ACTION ITEM GENERATED: Date Completed:

8/5 All	Find a Finance Committee Chair (or co-chairs) and reconvene finance committee	
8/5 All	Consider volunteering for Steering Committee (SC) openings- See chart below.	
8/5 All	Support steering committee at general, quarterly adult meetings	
8/5 All	Generate an action plan to display Summit Art boards	
8/5 Shawna	Secure place for first Steering Committee Mtg.-Tribal Admin Bldg on 8/25/08 at 4:30 pm - Notify coordinator	
8/5 SC	Meeting on 8/25/08, 4:30 pm	
8/5 Diana M	Volunteered to assist in finance committee to establish a budget and continue to send funding sources to grant writer	
8/5 Cedric	Will work with UNM-LA Student Senate to try to recruit involvement	
8/5 Diana M	Will look into public transportation to facilitate movement of youth for meetings	
8/5 Cedric	Offered UNM-LA to display Summit art and endeavor to host a Chamber business meeting during the show to facilitate networking	
8/5 Shawna	Will involve youth in a media project to record and document JUNTOS activities	
8/5 Coord.	Send an email announcement in regard to Steering Committee openings.	
8/5 Coord.	Create an agenda for Steering Committee.	
8/5 SC	Consider using Bandelier as sponsor for proposed activities.	
8/5 Shawna	Will recruit adults and more youth for Steering Committee members From Pojoaque.	

Introductions: New attendees included: JPO from Los Alamos, Jessica McAllister; Medical Administrator from LA, Manny Baca; Pojoaque students, Amber Gomez, Tim Cowan; and EVHS student, Zach Fresquez.

Minutes Review and Summit Summary Findings: Lori asked members to review minutes from the last adult meeting (5-6-08), and solicited from Youth Summit attendees their most meaningful impressions. Tim valued the importance of making the large art pieces. Sharon appreciated that the summit generated an action plan and that they had fun. Diane noted that the summit seemed to cross cultures, as well as age barriers. Zach enjoyed the deeper discussion of racism at the camp fire. He said the summit wasn't completely effective for him, but made an impact. Lori shared that the youth wanted the summit to last a week! Tim said he learned a lot about the cultures in Los Alamos, Pojoaque and Española, and that creating the teams was valuable for him.

Amber said it was interesting and fun learning about each other. Shawna said it was an eye opener, as people in Pojoaque were not aware that Española youth faced similar issues in regard to Los Alamos. The Summary of Findings was distributed and reviewed. Evaluations were extremely positive.

Ben stated that he thought it was important to lower the age to include junior high school youth and members discussed the difficulties of transportation. Members discussed that transportation is an issue now and would become a larger issue with younger children. Diana volunteered to research transportation options. (Note: Lori talked with Michelle Hall of Café Scientifique who rents the Rio Arriba County bus to transport students who live in Rio Arriba. Contact person is Maria Gutierrez at vtownmaryjane@hotmail.com.)

Funding Report: Robert Gibson reported that JUNTOS raised about \$14K last year from JJAB and UWNNM support, and smaller donations from SOC-LA, ENLACE/GEAR UP, and spent a little more than that with the Summit, ending up about \$400 in the red. This year began with a contribution from LANL Foundation, and continued funding from LA JJAB, and UWNNMA. A budget for the next year needs to be developed. Robert has obtained promises for a few other contributions. He said the Finance committee needs to reconvene to pursue seeking funding sources and a chair or co-chairs for the committee.

Summer Activities: Lori reported on her activities during the summer. She admitted to burn-out after the summit (although thrilled with the outcome!), and that it was difficult with Lindsay Milligan not available for JUNTOS, because she was full time with YMCA Yes Corps. Lori said she cannot continue to take the lead role with JUNTOS; she will be stepping back to a supporting role. Lori reported a 6/16 - radio interview with KRSN; a 6/18 - JJAB meeting presentation with Andrew Vierra, Viktorya Martinez, and Armando Rodriguez; 7/2 - finished preparing the art boards with the help of Val Carpenter; a 7/10 - youth block party in Española organized by Nathana Bird with Dulce Avitia and friend attending; 7/16 - two JUNTOS youth, Maneesha Chitvanis and Kayla Arnone, attended a picnic with Russian youth in Los Alamos. (There is a possibility of a JUNTOS youth or two traveling to Russia next summer with their exchange program.)

Making JUNTOS Sustainable:

Steering Committee: With guidance from Debbie Gill, Lori provided an Organizational Plan that included a Steering Committee with a minimum of 2 adults and 2 youth from each community; Pojoaque, Los Alamos and Española. The plan includes job descriptions and is attached. She proposed that initially the Steering Committee meet every four weeks for the first few meetings, then every 6 to 8 weeks, with general membership meeting regularly at a time frame to be set. She stressed that it is time for her to move into an assistant role rather than a leading role in order for the collaboration among the three communities to develop more fully. JUNTO has grown to need multiple leaders, who bring different perspectives and ideas, and share the work load. Lori is out of town throughout most of August, and a Steering Committee must be the one to continue with planning and implementing JUNTOS activities. **If general members do not volunteer for the committee, JUNTOS could cease to function.**

Members attending supported the plan as the next steps to continuing JUNTOS. Shawna Chavez said that she could let Nathan Bird perform a Practicum in support of JUNTOS. Lori said she could help in the transition with documentation and steering. Individuals committed to being on the steering committee thus far follows:

2 each site – at least	POJOAQUE	ESPAÑOLA	LOS ALAMOS
ADULTS	1. * 2.	1. Donna Schroeder 2. Nathana Bird 3. Janelle Vigil-Maestas	1. Diane Toups 2. Manny Baca 3. Sharon Stover
YOUTH	1. Tim Cowen 2. *	1. Dulce Avitia 2. Zach Martinez	1. Nat Gustafson 2. Andrew Vierra

*Shawna Chavez volunteered to recruit adults and more youth from Pojoaque.

Members discussed that JUNTOS may need to consider paying a stipend to teachers/staff to be on-site coordinators at the high schools.

JUNTOS Coordinator: Lori stressed that the unavailability of the YMCA’s JUNTOS coordinator was a hardship throughout the summer. Lindsay Milligan oversaw a YMCA summer-long service-learning program that ran for 20 hours a week and that required an additional 20 to coordinate, so was not available to help much with JUNTOS. (Note – Since the meeting, Lindsay has put in her two-week notice to leave the Y and will pursue her masters in instruction and curriculum in order to teach. The YMCA is endeavoring to find a replacement for this position.)

NM Youth Alliance and Campaign 2020: Lori asked if any members would attend a NM Youth Alliance Campaign Aug 15-17. JUNTOS has an application that hasn’t been submitted. Two youth indicated wanting to attend, but no adult chaperone could attend.

Art Boards transported and displayed: Lori discussed the large art pieces from the Summit, and circulated pictures, and asked how they could be moved and displayed. Ben said he had asked Lowes about helping to find a cart to transport the art, but hadn’t heard back. Lori had pursued a similar course with Home Depot.

Additional possible activities

1) Theatre project: Manny Baca of Los Alamos has a theatre arts background and volunteered to facilitate a theatre project for JUNTOS

2) Bandelier-sponsored activities: Bandelier has the ability to host a JUNTOS meeting at the park, covering transportation and program costs. They also can transport youth on field trips to possibly Pecos, the petroglyphs, and/or the Hispanic Cultural Center in Alb. (Lori shared an email from Lynne Dominy.)

Authentic dialogue (changes in perception/thinking/action): Lori shared that she walked out of a business when offensive dialogue continued after she requested it stop. She affirmed that she exercised her right not to put up with prejudice.

Thank you to the Teen and Tech Center and Ben Sandoval for hosting the meeting.

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