



JUNTOS (Joining & Understanding Now, Teens Overcome Separation)

An Española/Los Alamos Youth Initiative

Youth JUNTOS Meeting

LAHS Speech/Theatre Room, October 24, 2007, 12:40-1:20 PM

Minutes

Attendees: **LAHS Students**-Jeremy Kasik, Ashley Valdez, Nat Gustafson, Zakk Walterscheid, Ruben Martinez, Emily Breiner, Andrew Vierra, Kevin Hemphill, Garth Gilna, Andres Maestas, Daniel Tafoya, Allen Pittman, Sarah Ethridge, Vanessa Chavez, Lauren Doyle, Marissa Knox, Amanda Larson, Sarah Worland, Jenny Tumas, Kyle Pittman, Kris Stimmel. **EVHS Students**-Chris Shamy, Maria Tapia, Michelle Martinez, Stephanie Martinez, Roberta Martinez, Star Fresquez, Aaron Trujillo, Alexandria Ortiz, Michelle Fresquez, Brandon Aragon Carter, Derek Vigil. **NNMC Students**-Nathana Bird, Marcos Vigil. **Adults**-Bruce Hopmeier, Sandra Roney, Diana Touns, Janelle Vigil-Maestas, Stephanie Mitchell, Min Park, Lori Heimdahl Gibson. **Wow!!**

- Jeremy Kasik, LAHS, facilitated the short meeting by welcoming our guests from Española. He had everyone quickly go around giving their name, school, and grade while we were eating subs, chips, and Halloween candy. The Española students all stood for a round of applause.
- We reviewed the minutes from our September 29th youth meeting at UNM-LA and reviewed the packet of information, especially the highlights from the workshop on racism on September 30th. Jeremy said that he now has a much better understanding of racism and emphasized the importance of everyone reading the documents from that day, in order to begin to understand how racism plays out in all our interactions, institutions, and relationships. Johanna Eager suggested to all workshop attendees that we each learn to speak up when we experience racial comments and/or actions. Lori gave an example of "speaking up" while she and Robert were vacationing recently.
- We are having a JUNTOS logo contest. All entries must be submitted by the December 6th meeting. The winner will be chosen by voting at the meeting.
- Lori reviewed the funding JUNTOS has received to date: \$500 from NNMC, \$5,000 from LA JJAB, \$5,000 a year for three years from the NNM United Way. There are some verbal agreements from some organizations/individuals that will be announced when they are finalized. JUNTOS was not chosen to go on to the next level with the Case Foundation. There were 4,641 applicants for 100 chosen.
- November is the month in which all committees will meet in order to move their processes forward. A chair person from each group will take the initiative to organize the meeting and report back to the large groups in December. If you have an interest in working on one of the committees, please contact the chair person. All committees are open to anyone who would like to participate.
- The next youth meeting will be on December 6th at EVHS. LA students will be bussed to Española right after school. They will leave LAHS at 3:30 PM, arrive at EVHS around 4:00 PM, and return to LA at 6:00 PM. Food will be served. Everyone needs to focus on recruiting more interested youth.
- The next adult meeting-at-large is scheduled for Tuesday, December 11th at UNM-LA, 8:30-10:30 AM

Committees (so far):

Advisory - Nathana Bird, Janelle Vigil-Maestas, Maurice de Segovia, Lori Heimdahl Gibson. . . .

Funding - Robert Gibson (chair), Ron Martinez, Joe Maestas, Wayne Torpy, Jim Anderson, David Cockerham

Educational Leadership - Marcia Brenden (chair), Cedric Page, Sandra Roney, Frank Orona, Erwin Rivera

Youth Summit - Janelle Vigil-Maestas, Nathana Bird and Maurice de Segovia (co-chairs), Sharon Stover, Sandra Roney, Min Park, Diana Martinez, Lori Heimdahl Gibson,

Murals - Marcos Vigil (co-chair), Nathana Bird, Andrew Herrera, Maria Tapia, Gillian Sutton.

Joint Dances - Spartans (LAYL Team), Lori Heimdahl Gibson, Meegan Chute, Susan Mack (chaperone). . . .

Help as Can - Paul Romero, Erwin Rivera, Michelle Hall, Susan Mack (baked goods)

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