

Notes for JUNTOS Youth Meeting on 06/21/07 – LAHS – 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Quote: “The most scared place on earth is where an ancient hatred becomes a present love.”
-ACIM

Attendees: Youth – Ashley Valdez, Sean Erickson, Jeremy Kasik, Chris Shamy, Nathana Bird, Marcos Vigil, Zakk Walterscheid, Sean Stimmel, Ruben Martinez. **Adults-** Bob Scott, Min Park, Lori Heimdahl Gibson, Leonard Valerio, Joy Freymiller, Janelle Vigil-Maestas, Maurice de Segovia, Laura Abeyta, Olga Schifani, Shannon Bell (Monitor), Ben Sandoval, Diana Martinez, Dan Mauzy (Rio Grande SUN).

Facilitator: Jeremy Kasik

Welcome, Intros. and Ice-Breaker: We reviewed first article in the LA Monitor, minutes from the May 29th meeting, and Ashley Valdez volunteered to be the recorder.

Ground rules: Large group brainstorming

Respect/accept others	Supportive
Open-minded	Accept Responsibility
Not interrupt	Stay dedicated – attend meetings and events
Good listeners	Take a “time out” when needed
Straight forward	Rely on others
Honest	Cooperation (Team)
Kind	Optimistic

Purposes for this project: Large group brainstorming

Lay a foundation “for our bridges”	Unite
Create a caring	Stop stereotypes
Change comfort zones	Recognize realities
Challenge our inner self	Get more people involved
Forgive-move forward	Educate
Eliminate misconceptions	Lower tensions (Fear)
Make a difference	

Separation: Small group discussion on what keeps youth from LA/E separate

Rumors	Socioeconomic status/ego
Tradition	Fear
Starts at home	Lack of interaction/Communication
Economics	Identity imposed by others
Drugs	LA is very private (perfect)
Physical distance	Lack of transportation/motivation
Race	

Main Ideas to work on now:

Activities for youth summit
Mural – Roger Montoya may be able to help
News letter-to-the-editors (Jeremy Kasik)
Juntos t-shirts
Wal-mart match (Gil Duran)
Get history from both towns (Dr. Jose Griego from NNMC – Hispanic history w/music)

What to do: Small group discussion on how to unite

Raise awareness	Self examination
Start at a younger age	More family support
More members (start w/ your parents)	Respect existing cultures
Concerts/events with both towns	Give youth opportunities to change
Start working on steps for the summit	More public transportation

Challenges:

Funding
Getting the word out – Invite parents to meetings
Participation

Letter to the editor:

Jeremy wrote his letter, read to group, and will make just a few changes before sending out to Monitor and SUN within a week. (By the way, Jeremy, it was a remarkable letter.)

Other Discussion Items:

- Santa Fe Mountain Center – Marge Tally
- Directory of youth-based programs (Ben, Olga, and Laura will work on this)
- Maurice and Nathana will attend a Social Forum on social justice and will report at the adult and youth meetings

Future Events:

- Gordon Concerts – Invite Española folks
- Habitat for Hounds on July 7th, 10:00-2:00, in La Puebla Teen Center
- Ordered copies of “Cafeteria” book on social justice for people to read
- Johanna Eager, Training in social justice issues
- President Griego, NNMC, Hispanic History w/music
- LA History presentation
- Next JUNTOS Adult meeting, UNM-LA, July 10th, 8:30-10:30AM, Student Services Building
- Next JUNTOS Youth meeting, NNMC, July 31st, 10:00-1:00PM, AD 101?

Thank you to Coach Scott and LAHS for hosting the meeting with pizza.

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