

Hispanic RoundTable of South Sound

December 20, 2013 – 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Olympia Timberland Library

In attendance:

Sgt. Terry Brimmer

Kathy Baros Friedt

Paul Gallegos

Selina Gomez-Beloz

Carolina Gutierrez

Theresa Kimball

Sara Peté

Michelle Splinter

Sherry Sullivan

Emilio Vela, Jr.

Eileen Yoshina

Introductions

August minutes were approved.

President's Report

We've been invited to be interviewed by Thurston Nonprofit on TCTV...an 8 minute interview. Selina is currently working on dates. We will send out an email asking for important notes to cover during the interview.

Selina has been researching the idea of using interns for the HRT and the LYS planning committee, paid or unpaid, workstudy or not. Workstudy paperwork is fairly easy and there's a lot of potential there. What we need is a job description. Olivia may be resigning from her position if she gets full time work elsewhere.

Brief recap of the Latino Youth Summit:

We had our summary meeting at Fish Tale Ale and we have a lot of ideas for next year and beyond. There were a few takeaways in terms of space, managing volunteers, etc... they are up on the google drive.

Eileen has an update on the money situation. Eileen called the President's office and found out that he's out of town but she talked to the Executive Assistant and they will set up a meeting in January. Eileen suggested that Selina call the President on January 6th. We need to find out if the extra money from SPSCC was intentional and will that amount of funding be the same in the future? Eileen and Selina will also talk to the SPSCC president about his networking with other presidents. Hopefully he can encourage other schools to support keynote speaker's such Luis Alberto Urrea and follow the same outline of having the speaker talk to professors, to be at a VIP dinner and to speak at a public forum in the evening.

Selina has seen students in her library wearing the LYS USB wristbands!

Emilio shared that there's a lot of pride in what we see on the day of the Summit. It's exhilarating to see young men and women walking the halls and thinking about the future. Every venue has its own advantages and unique challenges. He thinks we should give consideration about tracks, flexibility within the tracks, and work more closely with the LYS alumni. Youth bring a different perspective. As we improve the fluidity of the summit we need to focus on the sustainability of the funding. Emilio would like to see an adhoc committee on fundraising. Emilio also suggested our volunteers as a source of funding. He mentioned that though some issues arose on the day of the Summit, they were quickly handled.

Selina has a letter drafted to special invited guests. It will explain that she couldn't make it that day and check in with them.

In the debrief we recognized that some of our marketing materials and fundraising were much too late. Things need to start earlier next year. We are outgrowing ourselves and we need to adjust.

Paul and Kathy attended the GEAR UP summit last weekend. They had about 150 people. They spent two months planning it. It includes the parents and it's all in Spanish. Paul did speak with the organizers about ways to partner. It was suggested that we need to look for entities with a shared mission who can help us expand our capacity. That could give us more leverage for large grants, as well.

Walker, Olivia and Selina did some time researching other Latino youth summits in WA state. It's been challenging to try and find local organizers.

LEAP has paid staff members and a large conference in February but they also have several events throughout the year. They are focused on leadership and school engagement.

SeaMar raises \$200,000 via a golf tournament each year. That money is used for scholarships.

Kathy would like us to have a retreat to look at all of the different kinds of summits that are possible and what might be the best current option for us that aligns with our mission and goals. This would be with a focus on 2015 and beyond.

We may continue to use the same format but there are also other possibilities like satellite mini-summits in other counties.

Paul stated that we've had a successful ten years and the landscape is different now from when we started. We can do an environmental scan and meet with some of the other groups, and we can assess how does our current model compliment that which is already out there. How can we, for example, partner with LEAP or groups that are working with middle school kids?

Emilio likes the idea with connecting the students with information about other summits and opportunities.

It was also suggested that we take a look at our stats and find the gaps in coverage for students.

Are we missing a piece?

Selina proposed that we look at this from a board level, not an LYS planning committee level. This way we can give research or reports to the LYS planning committee to help inform their work.

Treasurer's report:

It's time to renew your membership dues!

\$2000 checking

\$5000 savings

One outstanding check to Olivia for \$300 to be received by her on 12/26.
We also have a \$2500 check from North Thurston that came in.

Sherry would like to advocate that Saint Martin's University follow the same route with the keynote speaker, the workshop with the professors, the dinner and the public event that we followed this year. It really expanded the scope of the summit and got a larger number of staff members from the hosting institution involved.

Paul asked about the video of Luis Alberto Urrea. Luis said we can use the video as we wish. Eileen will check in and find out how to access the video.

Updates from CIELO:

CIELO has moved to a new location at 1202 Black Lake Blvd.

They are in the same building as the Family Education and Support Services who are upstairs.

They had their end-of-the-year GED graduation on December 1st.

From elementary: 5 students

from middle school: 11 students

completing high school GED: 15 students

These are amazing numbers and represent the transformative effect of CIELO on the lives of our community members.

They got a \$10,000 grant from Nisqually for the ELL program at Lydia Hawk Elementary.

Denise Lynch is leaving and CIELO is advertising for a new Executive Director.

They are also hiring a part-time administrative assistant.

CIELO is constantly looking for funding for the Spanish Literacy programs.

Carolina Gutierrez works in Sexual Assault prevention and Domestic Violence education for both CIELO and SafePlace. At CIELO, she coordinates Proyecto Esperanza. They do a yearly full day, free, Spanish language training on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. She would be happy to partner with us if we introduce an element of working with parents of students.

The next Pac Mountain meeting is January 7th at the ESD office from 9:00 to 4:00.

Selina will be going to a Thurston Thrives meeting in the near future.

Our newly edited mission statement:

Our mission is to strengthen the Latino community by supporting and promoting our member agencies and by serving as an educational, cultural, economic, and service agency resource.

January 17th LYS Celebration at Mercato's!

Please invite LYS planning committee members and sponsors that you worked with.

Walker is working on a networking social for early February. It will be for all local professionals who serve the Latino/a community in our region.

We hope to have a big membership meeting sometime after the networking social.

Board member responsibilities/projects

Selina asked for volunteers to work on the Intern/Executive Assistant committee

They will have a discussion and create a Job Description

Eileen volunteered to work on this

Paul suggested that Olivia be on this committee, too. Selina will ask her.

It was asked: what is the HRT product? What is the benefit of membership?

A directory?

A resource book?

Scholarship and Community resources?

Emilio will work on the directory piece. Sara P. will help Emilio with the formatting.

The Scholarship subcommittee will be meeting in January.

It was suggested that our HRT Board meetings be on the Third Friday of the month from 12:00 to 2:00.

Our next meeting will be February 21st (possibly at the new CIELO).

Courtney Shreve – Communications Director North Thurston Public Schools gave a presentation about the North Thurston Bond proposal.