

CJ Leadership Retreat Minutes

Date: February 6, 2008

Location: VHDA Richmond, VA

Members Present:

McKenna Brown; Barbara Cornicello; Frank Curbeira; Tanya Gonzalez Riguey King; Paz Ochs; Ileana Rivera; Cecily Rodriguez; Juan Santacoloma; Luisa Soaterna; Peter von Der Lippe

Evaluate and Revise current CJ Principles:

Establish 501© (3) status immediately. Since there was so much conflicting information regarding the progress of CJ to establish the 501© (3) status a resolution was established. Anyone in the leadership who has information regarding the 501© (3) status of CJ, the steps to accomplish this goal and/or what has been done to reach this goal should submit all of the information to McKenna by the end of February. He will then evaluate it and report to the CJ Leadership in the next meeting. And if he evaluates that there is too much work then he would request for a committee to be created.

The structure of Colaborando Juntos should also be revised and our mission needs to be revisited in order to set a clear focus for CJ once again.

Proposals for the Development of a protocol for team activities

"Helping and increasing access to Latino Youth" Our goal for 2008.

Team members should give input on how they can reach that goal and perhaps include another project that they want to pursue. Once this goal has been established their proposal should be submitted to all members for input, suggestions and have an involvement of members. This input will be obtained through electronic communication with members/

Membership Discussion

Set up a clear list of active members. E-mail an enticing invitation that should include membership application. \$10 for members, \$20 for non-members. Make it enticing, updated information (for directory).

Treasury Report

\$1125.00 collected from last year's conference

Total funds available are \$1292.00 (It includes the money collected from last year as well as the money available through the Red Cross account) For the moment it was decided to keep the two accounts and a everything in place because CJ has not obtained the 501©(3) status yet.

Conference Date and Agenda

Our Spring conference is scheduled for April 25th or May 2nd. Paz will work on the agenda and planning and present it in the next leadership meeting.

Virginia Latino Pilot Project

The local Red Cross had started a project with the involvement of University of Richmond students to conduct a survey targeting the Hispanic Community. The goal was to demonstrate to new immigrants that it is understood why they immigrated and have a positive light shine onto that discussion. Key questions: disaster prevention, health, causes of immigration. Focus on Central America and Mexico.

Currently it is a statewide program initiated by the Red Cross, it has now partnered with the VALHEN (Virginia Latino Higher Education Network). They are networking with other universities, community colleges, Red Cross chapters to create the same results as the original project. They will hold a forum in Nov. or Dec. with students to discuss results.

Can we (CJ and the Latino Pilot Project) partner to co-host the forum? It was decided that it would be a perfect opportunity for CJ to implement their current goal and work with the Red Cross.

Housekeeping

Next leadership meeting March 5, 2008.

Location: VHDA

Time: 4:00 to 6:00