

Youth First Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2008



I. Attending: Suzanne Robinson, Cynthia Soares, Christine Havens, Pedro Mota
Gary Keeler, Veronica Rosales

II. Minutes: Previous minutes were read and approved

III. Treasurer's Report

IV. Old Business:

Veronica reported that the Hispanic Resource Council has planned for a health fair for "Dia del Campesino". There are plans to have Del Norte Clinics involved with various other health promotions. It is still planned that Mario's mural will be hung the night before the celebration and will be recognized the day of the celebration. It has been suggested that Youth First have a fundraiser during this event.

Christine reported that she had spoken with Vona Brown regarding changing the eye of the eagle from a star to a circle. Vona has refused to change the mural citing the fact that sanding and repainting would ruin the mural. There was some discussion that it wasn't necessarily the star that was the issue, but the entire eagle (huelga bird).

Christine reported that she had met with Sycamore's site council regarding the funds collected for Ray Roberts' mural. The site council will take this matter up with their teachers and will proceed once they decide where exactly the mural should be placed (with board approval) and the exact image to be used.

Updates on grants (SCVPP/Character Ed./ SCPP) – The notification of grant winners for the SCPP grant (\$500,000 for five years) has been suspended. The state has decided to not grant any of this money until the state's budget issues have been resolved and the budget is signed. This may be as early as July or as late as October. There is no news yet on the Character Ed. Grant – hopefully we will know by the first week of June. The reports for the SCVPP grant are soon due. Christine will be assembling this report and we will be able to bill BCOE for time spent finalizing the reports.

Christine reviewed the list of summer activities which have been planned in conjunction with the Gridley Recreation Dept. She and Malanee have met to combine resources targeting youth between the ages of 5-12. They include: TaVaci Performing Arts, Missoula Children's Theatre, Tennis Camp, Dance Camp, Tyson Fitness Program, Homemade instruments, Science Exploration, Kaleidoscope Art Classes, Cooking Classes, Claymation movie making and Lego robotics and baking at the Cookie Tree. These classes will be held in town and some have been planned for the Farm Labor Units.

Marketing of these activities include sending flyers home with each of the children from school. Advertising on the Youth First website and the Gridley Recreation Dept. site. We will also try to get a flyer home in the Gridley Herald. Summer school students will be particularly targeted for some of the classes. The flyer is also being translated and distributed in a newsletter to each family at the Farm Labor Units.

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City Council Budget Mtg. will be May 20th @ 5:00 p.m. Christine will attend this meeting. A Youth First projected budget was submitted to the City Council requesting funds in the amount of \$16,000 to continue operations for the 2008-09 fiscal year.

Youth First is registered to participate in the Red Suspender's day to be held May 15th. We are collaborating with Padres Unidos who have committed to have youth and adults from their organization. We will carry the banners created last year by youth which listed the fundamental assets. Suzanne Robinson has also asked the designated Character Ed. Staff from each site to ask youth from each school to join us for the parade.

- V. In new business, Pedro Mota reports that Padres Unidos is considering another anti-gang event. We discussed Father Greg who is with "Homeboy Industries". This is a man who takes former gang members and employs them. His message is powerful – however it was mentioned that the message is more for the parents than for the youth. Smiley was also mentioned as an option for a speaker. Cynthia also mentioned Senor Chocolate who would address the educators of the district and any other interested parties. She would like to see an event that would target the whole community. Youth First and Padres Unidos will work together to present an anti-gang event.
- VI. During the Membership portion of our meeting we accomplished the Seating of the Executive Committee and Election of Officers.

Gary Keeler and Clark Redfield were nominated to continue in their current positions as co-chairpersons. Cynthia Soares proposed their nomination and it was seconded by Pedro Mota. The vote was unanimous for their election as co-chairpersons.

Cynthia volunteered to be Secretary. Suzanne Robinson proposed her nomination and Veronica Rosales seconded it. All voted in favor of this nomination.

Treasurer: Patti Kilby was nominated and it was proposed by Gary Keeler that she continue as treasurer. It was seconded by Christine Havens. All voted in favor of her election as treasurer.

Christine Havens will continue as coordinator of Youth First.

The remaining members were nominated and it was proposed by Cynthia Soares that they be seated as members of the Youth First Executive Committee. Gary Keeler seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion.

Member 1: Suzanne Robinson

Member 2: Aaron Wood

Member 3: Veronica Rosales

Member 4: Pedro Mota

Member 5: Nicki Herrera

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There was discussion of holding a vision team meeting. It was the consensus that this be held in the Fall when all students and families returned to a regular routine.

The next meeting will be held June 12th at 6:30 p.m. at the District Office. Veronice R. will not be present.