

Professional Hispanic Network

Executive Board Meeting Agenda

October 3, 2012

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I. Call to order: 12:03PM

II. Roll call: Cruz Rios, Cynthia Escamilla, Bonnie Bustos-Rios, Melanie Weiser Krugel, Liz Galvan, Osmara Garcia, Lily Sanchez, Carlos Orozco, Fidel Fernandez, Marisa Suhm.

III. Approval of minutes: Minutes approved as presented.

IV. Old Business

A. PHN Secretary: Osmara Garcia has agreed to serve as the 2012-2013 PHN Secretary. Congratulations, and thank you for your willingness to participate!

B. Debrief

1. HHM: Great turn out. Remember events are still happening in the next couple of weeks.

2. Story Telling: Great program that is definitely worth exploring to coordinate again. Would like more participation; perhaps be more intentional with invitations.

V. New Business

A. PHN Website Updates: Melanie and Bonnie will meet with VP of Diversity Office to update current website and continue to work with VP of Diversity office to gain access to update the website ourselves. Discussion centered around using social media for now. PHN has a facebook group that members can join. PHN Exec Board and other members have used the facebook group to advertise community and campus programs. Include invitation to join facebook group in next email.

B. Dia de los Muertos with J. Wayne Stark Galleries: Group agreed PHN should send a Dia de los Muertos 101 email to explain to members who may not know about this celebration and to give examples of items that can be used in the memorial altars. Stark Galleries will be providing structures that will allow us to create altars. PHN Will meet during the day and evening on October 30th to decorate and create altars. Ask members to bring any items to honor their loved ones. ONLY NON-PERISHABLE items are allowed. No candles – fresh flowers must be store bought, not from personal gardens. The altar will be on display through November 2nd. All items must be picked up by November 3rd.

C. Hispanic Network Summit: This is the annual meeting/gathering in which this group of former students explores issues affecting Hispanic students in the state and then give recommendations to Texas A&M. Melanie will be attending to represent PHN. If you would like to attend, you can register at tamuhn.org.

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D. HHM 2013 Core Team: This Hispanic Heritage Month Planning Committee would like to establish a core team of HHM stakeholders in an effort to maintain HHM programming momentum, and to connect all HHM related events and programs in the most cohesive manner. The goal is to streamline and “traditionalize” HHM... we want our students, staff, faculty, departments, etc to look forward to HHM and plan accordingly. This group will largely focus on collecting information and assist in idea generation for HHM programming.

E. Attract faculty/senior administration to PHN events: The PHN will make a more concerted effort to include faculty and administrators in PHN functions. Melanie and Bonnie worked the directory information gathered from HR to contact and invite other faculty/staff who identify as Hispanic.

There was discussion on creating representative positions for each college and division, etc. for the PHN Executive Board. Suggestions include using the University Advisors and Counselors (UAC) model.

PHN cannot be everything to everyone, but if we vary our programming, we can target member interests!

F. Genealogy: Embrace your past and discover your roots: We are looking for a speaker/presenter who can showcase how to conduct genealogy research, or how to get started in researching our pasts.

1. November 14, 11:30-1PM, Rudder 701

G. 2012 Holiday Social: Cynthia & Bonnie will contact local restaurants for possible venue and menu options.

1. December 7th, Location and Time TBD

H. Social/Professional Development Ideas???: Programming ideas include:

1. Highlight projects, campus services, and research of faculty and staff – can continue partnership with HLGSA
2. Highlight a local business owned and operated by a Hispanic/Latin@ owner. Roger Martinez has suggested this in the past as a professional development opportunity. Fidel suggests we contact Verizon to speak to us about the business aspect and operations of cell phone usage.
3. Have a business Spanish workshop with Dr. Arizpe
4. Invite local attorneys who identify as Hispanic/Latin@ to discuss immigration law or other changes in law that affects our community
5. PHN can use programming efforts to educate not only PHN membership, but students and community members as well. This can serve as service/volunteerism.

VI. Announcements & Reminders

VII. Adjournment: 1:17PM