

ALPES Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 09, 2015

In attendance: Irene González, Felipe Cabrera, Petra Hager, Mónica Drasal-Hinton, Rubén González, Laila Shahid-El, Matilde Ferrer, Carla Piedrahita, Eva Pinales, Fernanda Palomino, Carla Mena, Norma Martí, Gladys Bonilla, Sonia González, Taty Padilla, Aracelys Torrez, Jenny Doyle, Cherry Hitt.

- 1. Networking for the first 30 minutes.**
- 2. Welcome and Introductions.**
- 3. Welcome and Introductions of the new ALPES Executive Committee**

A. The meeting began as stipulated in the agenda.

- Participating members welcomed the new executive committee.
- The Bylaws were discussed. The executive committee will review the Bylaws accordingly to the member's recommendations.
- Eva Pinales-Colón, asked members about the need to update the information of emails from members, in order to have an updated mailing list.
- Carla Mena, spoke about the membership. ALPES will send a form to update the membership. The form will include the name of the organization they represent and shall be entitled to vote in the next election.
- Carla Mena spoke of the membership fee in order to continue with ALPES'S activities. Carla Piedrahita and Taty Padilla, suggested a donation of 5 dollars per every year as a minimum. Members accepted the suggestion.
- Past President Aracelys Torrez, informed that ALPES have a fund; which she will deliver to the new directive.
- Tati Padilla and Norma Marti suggested that in December ALPES could do different activities for the community. Norma recommended that we adopt 5 families and give gifts to their children. ALPES, could ask Toys for Tots for assistance. Irene said ALPES have to join established organizations.
- Gladys Bonilla and Petra Hager, asked about the continuity of work (surveys) in the area of Brentwood. All members agreed to continue and finish the latter.

B. Reviewing the Calendar.

- Norma Marti spoke of future activities. The first activity will be held on February 21st at Millbrook High School about heart health. The activity will be in English and Spanish.

- In April ALPES will participate as a sponsor in the Health Fair at Centro Hispano "Macedonia".
- In June ALPES will participate as a partner with Univision at the "Zumbathon" and HIV Testing.
- August and September are open to suggestions to any activity.
- In October, ALPES will be at the Mexican consulate Health Fair.
- December, PARTY!!

Announcements

- **Upcoming Meetings:** April 13
June 08
August 10
October 12
December 14

Announcements should be limited to Three (3) minutes per person.

- Mónica Drasal-Hinton, from El Pueblo, announced that they will hold a conference about domestic violence.
- Cherry Hitt, informed about Carolina Outreach services (mental health).

Minutes by Eva Colón- Pinales.