

ALPES Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 11, 2014

In attendance: Laila Shahid-El, Irene Gonzalez, Carla Mena, Kristin Canady, Alexandra Dest, Rogelio Valencia, Monica Drasal Hinton, Monica Quechol Bradley, Dora Alvarez Alvarado, Aida Taylor, Jenny Doyle, Carla Piedrahita, Aracelys Torrez, Gladys Bonilla, Yvonne J. Torres, Taty Padilla, Eva Pinales, Felipe Cabrera, Petra Hager, Estrella Fernandez.

1. Networking for the first 30 minutes.

2. The meeting was called to order by Aracelys at 6:30 p.m.

3. Welcome and Introductions

- Aracelys briefly explained the Brentwood community engagement project that ALPES has taken on for this year. She explained that the project will use the same model that she and other APLES members had done in the past to Executive committee designed a questionnaire to conduct a need assessment in the Brentwood community and adjacent neighborhoods. It is expected that ALPES members will do a minimum of 10 surveys. Surveys were distributed.
- The Project aims to be sustainable and participants will be able to train other future participants (train the trainer approach).
- She distributed copies of the survey and ask to have them back to Aracelys via fax or email by September 8th, 2014

Name Brain Storming:

- Suggestions for possible name of this effort/project:
 - Comunidad en Movimiento
 - Alcanzando tu futuro
 - Charlas comunitarias
 - Grassroots
 - Aprendiendo Juntos
 - ALPES en Acción!!
 - ALPES pro Bienestar Comunitario
 - Bienestar
 - Acción Educativa
 - Community coming together
 - Comunidad Unida

ALPES bylaws:

- Yvonne revised the Bylaws accordingly to the executive committee recommendations to reflect the new changes made such as: 1) Frequency of ALPES meeting (from monthly to every other month) , 2) Time (from 6:00- 8:00 pm to 5:00 – 7:00) and 3) Location (from 10 Sunnybrook to Millbrook). Attendance may determine if a member can vote or not in the upcoming elections. The changes made to the revised bylaw were in Articles 3 Section 3:2 Membership Status; Article 5 section 5.2 Election and Terms, section 5.4: Duties and Section; Article 6 Section 6.2:2 standing Committees.
- ALPES's members suggested a few additional changes to the revised document presented by Yvonne. She will make the proper corrections.
- Aracelys will send out the membership application/registration form to current and former members for them to complete to update ALPES 'membership list, revised Bylaws with new changes, revised list of members that can vote for the changes made to the Bylaws and also in the elections.
- ALPES dominations for the Executive Committee are open for nominations (self or for other members to nominate) will via email. The member whom dominates someone needs to make sure that the person he/she is nominating is in agreement to run for the position.
- Elections will be next month.
- Irene nominated Carla Mena for president and she accepted the nomination.
- Next meeting: October 13, 2014
- Petra will send invitation for Aracely's baby showerYAY!!!! **BRING A DISH TO SHARE**
- Lety Mendez is retiring in November 2014. Yvonne Torres will send invitation to have a small farewell PARTY.

Minutes by Gladys Bonilla