

Minutes  
Tuesday, December 13, 2016  
Latino Hispanic Faculty & Staff Association  
Location: Health Sciences Center Building, Room ACB, 100

Start Time: 12:10 p.m.

Present: Janie Rodriguez, Beatrice Perez, Laura Gonzales, Margie Ceja, Karina Alvila, Diane Ramos, Michelle Baigen, Jerry Perez, Dolores Parrish, Evangeline Jimenez, Dr. Miguel Levario, Ph.D.

Absent: Heather Martinez

Welcome: President, Janie Rodriguez welcomed guest to the December meeting

Topic: Autism

Discussion: Meagan Sanders, special guest speaker with Partners Resource Network spoke about the spectrum of Autism and opened her presentation with Q&A about the subject. She mentioned the different resources available for Autism, from training to testing. She gave all members present a folder sharing extensive information about Special Education Programs, Cognition, and information about the diagnosis.

Resolution: If anyone wanted to know more information about testing, diagnosis, resources, services, or was curious about children with disabilities Megan encouraged LHFSa to contact her at, 877.762.1435 or e-mail her at, msanderspen@sbcglobal.net

Minutes: November Minutes were typed by Elma Moreno and given to Margie Ceja to distribute as she was nominated to secretary at the November 2016 meeting. Margie Ceja's first time to take minutes was at the December 2016 meeting. Beatrice Perez made a motion to accept the Nov 2016 minutes and Janie Rodriguez seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Beatrice Perez shared the current balance holdings for the organization is, \$5,066.04. Margie Ceja made a motion to accept the report and Janie Rodriguez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Topic: Update on Las Posadas: Laura Gonzales mentioned the overall event went pretty smoothly.

Discussion: Laura Gonzales mentioned there was a mishap in reference to shortage of hot chocolate distribution. Top Tier ran out of chocolate which was given out at the event. Children went for second and thirds so this could have been a contributing factor to the shortage of hot chocolate. Laura also sent a thank you card to the Girl Scouts, who read the scripts at Las Posadas, and to Top Tier, who served the hot chocolate.

Resolution: LHFSa hopes to have Las Posadas again, and was pleased with the overall participation from the children, parents, and community.

Topic: DACA Students, Dr. Miguel Levario Ph.D

Discussion: Miguel mentioned he and Margie Ceja communicated about the status of the DACA students and thought it was imperative LHFSa become a strong voice to the higher administration and encourage them to publicly support our DACA students. This topic also falls within the bylaws of LHFSa

existence. Margie Ceja and Dr. Levario shared with the members that there is some communication within the DACA community of fear, anxiety, and uncertainty about their status at Texas Tech University. In light of tweets and protest from Stanford University, Texas A&M, University of North Texas, and many other universities across the nation they believed LHFSa should encourage the Chancellor, President, and Provost to speak out against the negative voices being raised throughout the state of Texas and nation about our DACA students. Dr. Levario and Margie Ceja suggested we write a letter to the administration sharing our thoughts about how important it is to take a stand against removing our students from campus. Others members also shared it would be a good to include administration from Texas Tech Health Science Center, El Paso, to Abilene (wherever) Texas Tech University is located and has higher administration. Also, much discussion was made to include the Chinese and Black Faculty & Staff Association to become co-signers of the letter.

Resolution: Dr. Levario prepared a rough draft and presented it at the meeting. Everyone present was positive about the outstanding letter he had shared. A motion was made by Beatrice Perez and seconded by Delores Parrish to send out a letter to the Chancellor, President, and Provost of Texas Tech University on behalf of Latino Hispanic Faculty & Staff no later than December 14, 2016 and at a later date send the letter to other satellites of Texas Tech University. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned: 1:05 p.m.