

# **Partners of the Americas Florida Chapter 4<sup>th</sup> Quarterly Meeting**

**Rinker Environmental Center  
Stetson University  
DeLand, FL 32124**

**Saturday, October 21, 2017  
10:00 am – 1:00 pm**

**Welcome / Sign-In / Introductions**

**Reading of Minutes**

**Treasurer's Report**

**Membership Report**

Chantri to present updated contact spreadsheet of past and active members  
Facebook Page and personal outreach update

**Old Business**

**President's Report**

***Stetson Partners Campus Chapter***

- Beginning Student Chapter at Stetson – progress report
- Aiyanna Maciel is spearheading recruitment of 10 students with Guzman in Washington DC
- To start interacting with Partners Chapter in Colombia.
- Also so our Partners Campus has access to grant funds
- Provides another pathway or means to Travel Grant
- Should be complete by end of October 2017
- Webchats
- Study abroad opportunities

***Mentored Student Field Group-***

- Organize through campus chapter
- Supporting
- Internship with Formemos led by Abby Ramsbottom
- Marcus Daniel Jones - virtual Spanish-English Speaking Club
- With colleague at LaSalle University

***Travel Grants***

- One of the students, Karen Paola Herrera, is vice president of partners campus at Uninorte trip to Florida in November and December can be part of the reporting phase of the partners
- Partners pushing to January due to 60 day submission of paperwork
- Student driven itinerary and agenda for 10 day trip with support from the Florida-Colombia Partners of the America's chapter- discussed support
- Need to revisit if pushed later in the spring for support structures from FPOA to check schedules

***Introduction of Stetson Visiting Guest***

- Associate Provost of Stetson of Faculty Development, Rosalie Richards
- Members of the meeting introduced themselves.
- Shared her first moments with Tony having to cut budgets to Latin American studies, with she, herself from Latin America.
- Looking for housing for international guests

- Happy to support the FPOA as Stetson seeks to formalize and promote international relations
- Specific with global issues. As we focus on equity.
- Asked us to 'push' them to continue to be stewards of this message.

### ***Exchange with Estella Nury***

- Nury's Trip with Student Ambassadors – planning and confirming plans

## **New Business**

### ***Hosting Opportunity***

The FPOA chapter will provide logistical support to the FL Partners Campus student group with hosting Karen Paola Herrera, the student Vice President of Partners Campus at UniNorte for an upcoming Partners travel grant and itinerary to Florida (Stetson)

SM 1<sup>st</sup> Motion to approve  
 PG- 2<sup>nd</sup> The motion  
 All in favor, none opposed.

### ***The Stetson Mentor Field Experience Group***

The group will present their work on November 30<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at Stetson University at Sage Hall room #257 To report on their activities while in Colombia specific to Partners of the Americas and their work and make formal connection with the Partners Campus groups  
 Partners members are invited to attend.

### ***Estella Nury Penagos Travel and Culture Grant/Visit***

Trip specifics- John has shared information regarding Miami portion of trip (prior email) and discussed positive outcomes, especially with contacts and Fairchild Gardens (some communicated from Kiki M, a former contact.)

Estella Penagos at VCS-

- Pine Ridge High School
- Holly Hill School
- Edgewater Elementary-cancelled- scheduling conflict
- McGinnis Elementary- cancelled- Concern with leadership at school
- Starke Elementary- Hispanic Heritage Festival
- Private school on campus

Recommend Magali as next exchange

Thank Nury for coming

Thank Magali Aleman for hosting our guest and for taking her to the various schools.

Going to address VCS allowing National Partners visitors to local schools- permission  
 Nury Penagos- Sharing Grows and Glows of what worked and did not on this trip

- Good contact with students, great opportunity
- Tried different things to increase the opportunity and connection with students
- Students the same all over the world
- Loved to meet with Kiki
- Loved the connection with Fairchild Garden and the connections made

- Interested with the science teacher at the Botanical Gardens in Bogota with the Fairchild Garden
- In Bogota, they have a student/teacher connection in place- 6 to 8 am with students observing birds with binoculars
- Took videos with Sam who showed watching and observations of birds-will share with her students
- Project with students with birds for both VonCasmanski and Penagos classes to upload responses
- Mr. Picarad from the Audubon Society gave materials to share with her classes
- Stetson and the M Field Experience students meeting, good discussion to make connections
- Possible project of working with students in Colombia through a travel grant trip at Eduardo Umana Mendoza School for several hours a day with English
- Kittner- she videos with him giving information about birds
- Mr. Kittner is interested in learning more about partners in Florida
- Hispanic Heritage Festival at Starke- got to see how the students and parents interacted there and talked about how they interact with teachers and support their students. Observed how students were talking in both Spanish and English and their interactions at the school event.

#### In Colombia

- Trying to finish book and the guide.
- Needs someone to edit text for the book
- School has provided materials and printing options
- Need to set up
- Illustrations sent to someone to put in into graphic design- he got sick so she had to find someone to do this for the book.

Discussion of working with high school since that was a focus at Volusia since they visited those schools. Discussion with Abby about goal to work with students to travel to Formemos to teach teachers English strategies. Working with parents now..

#### ***Table other items due to time***

Talked about following through with Magaly Aleman to go to Colombia on grant- start with date  
Talked about the Youth Ambassadors program postponed for next year

Motion to close the meeting 1:28

Tony Abbott-

#### **Historian Activity**

- Subcommittee for reviewing historical records will report on progress (Sue, Patricia, John) and board will review and approve their choices and plan for the preservation of the documents through scanning and digital storage

#### **Fundraising update by John**

Sub Committee for Professional Development for teachers (Nury, Patricia, Rajni, John and Alfredo S.) will give an update on progress with this project