

Partners of the Americas Florida Colombia Chapter  
Quarterly Meeting

October 27, 2018

10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Stetson University Lynn Business Center Room 213

**Welcome/Sign-In**

John Schoch

Sekajipo Genes (conference call)

Patricia Galbreath

Sue Mahan (conference call)

**Review of Minutes from July's Meeting**

**-Delayed**

**Treasurer's Report**

Account balance:

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| PayPal | \$ 599.85 |
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| PNC Bank | \$4,254.60 |
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| TOTAL BALANCE: | \$4,854.45 |
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See report for details.

**President's Report**

**-Delayed**

**Old Business**

**Status Report on travel grant for Diana Vazquez of Cuenca, Ecuador**

FPOA travel grant to bring Diana from Ecuador on December 4<sup>th</sup> to participate in the Partners What Works Conference in San Antonio, Texas where she will make a presentation on the Women's Abuse Shelter that she's involved. She will then travel to Jacksonville, on December 8<sup>th</sup>. Will travel to Daytona on December 15<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup>. Possible programming on Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. Travels back to Ecuador December 18<sup>th</sup>.

Sue will try to talk to WARM (Women Aiding Rehabilitation Mothers in Bunnell) and the Domestic Abuse Counsel

Contacts in Orlando suggested by David Berry for possible homestays:

Juan and Diane Moreno. We will invite them to a dinner gathering.

**Partners Campus Activities:**

Florida Partners paid the 1<sup>st</sup> year of annual dues (\$150) in September

This was paid by Florida Partners (issue with PayPal, so) with check sent out in discussion with Barbara Block in October.

Status report on Partners Campus organization at Stetson- recognized by the university in October

Status report on travel grant applications for student Naysi Luis  
Itinerary developed by Aiyanna Maciel, Partners Campus President and Partners Campus students

- Naysi did a presentation on art at Stetson at Elizabeth Hall
- FL Partners hosted dinner with Partners Campus and Naysi
- Met with Naysi and discussed connecting with teachers and students on the birding project
- Art project

### **Counterpart Bogota Chapter**

- Report from President Lorena Lopez on activities of counterpart chapter in Bogota

English as a Second Language Program – project request. Still have not seen this application come through yet.

### **"Our Birds are Your Birds Too" program**

John and MaryLu Schoch went to visit with Nury Penagos. She has a connection with a teacher with ongoing activities with a teacher in Costa Rico regarding the project.

Looking at connecting Naysi with Nury Penagos, videotaping/recording efforts to share with Partners

**Update on Internship Position-** not happening this semester

### **New Business**

#### **Amigos Unidos**

Recommendation to make a donation to the group after the presentation made by Mercy James

If we could a clothing drive (and gift card) to present in early December

#### **Partners Campus:**

Status on applicants for next semester for Partners Campus

Two interested students for next semester as well, David Robles and Yerlis Miranda, who both applied for this past round of grants but for various reasons of application problems, timing, and number of applicants were not accepted to travel.

David, as you may recall, is a civil engineering student who is interested in learning about how civil engineering & his career interests intertwine with poverty.

Yerlis is interested in Youth Leadership issues, civic engagement, and women's empowerment.

They would both like to apply to come in February or March, and the applications are due September 15th.

I think it would be great to have them both at the same time around the first or second week of February, but if we think having them come at the same time isn't possible, I think one coming the last week of January and the other the second week of February would work best.

## **Update on Web Presence**

### **PATH Artist in Residency Program**

As a possible arm of the Florida Partners Hip Hop Project, Sekajipo Genes and Harold Silva are working on building a strong relationship with PATH to develop a collaborative alliance with bringing artists to Miami to develop and strengthen their craft in one of the six targeted Hip Hop areas. The program demonstrates a strong focus on diversity, collaboration, and working with underprivileged groups. Here is a short informational section from their proposal:

#### **PATH Hip Hop Summer Artist-In-Residence Program PATH Artist-In-Residence Program**

The PAIR Program invites artists, scholars and arts administrators from around the world working in the field of Hip Hop to spend a minimum of 2 weeks and a maximum of 5 weeks in Miami during the PATH Hip Hop Summer Academy. Recipients will contribute to the Academy or other PATH Programs while: 1) developing their own work in collaboration with local PATH artists 2) connecting with the Hip hop/arts community around our mission/programs and 3) utilizing the PATH Trust Library, a collection of Hip Hop resources, to inspire new or build on existing work. Qualifications Applicants must demonstrate:

- A minimum 10 year track record of creative production, community engagement and/or education experience in Hip Hop culture
- A portfolio of creative work that harmonizes with the mission of PATH, Inc.
- Experience working with youth and/or adults from diverse backgrounds
- Availability to spend at least 2 weeks in Miami, FL between July 8 - August 9, 2019
- Valid Passport and clearance to travel to and from the U.S. by Feb. 1, 2019
- Matching support from a local institution/business/benefactor
- Working verbal and written communication skills in English

Please read the detailed account that is attached in the email.

### **Partners Counts**

Please record any time spent on Partners issues/activities on the Partners Counts site (they need an app!!!) That includes project work, discussions, meetings, hosting, etc.

### **Reminders for Next Meeting**

Recap meeting with Tony on Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup> or Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm at Sonapa in New Smyrna Beach.

Possible meeting dates- TBD