



HISPANIC NETWORK
Membership Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 24, 2002

PRESENT : Victoria Jaquez
Raymundo Cruz
Jackie Garcia
Alfonso Ochoa
Joann Sandoval
Sofia Villa
Daniel Gonzales
Maria Clavijo
Lilia Linn
Hector Virgen
George Garcia
Amelia Sowers
Al Ochoa

Luis Gendreau
Blanca Davila
Anna Medina
Gaby Martinez
Elena Yniguez
Chris Pinuelas

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Recording Secretary and Member at Large Replacements
3. Nursing Shortage
4. Recognition of Past President
5. Fund Raiser
6. Treasury Report
7. New MCHN Pens
8. Guest Speaker
9. Open Discussion
10. Prize Drawing

1. Welcome and Introductions

Luis introduced himself to the members and asked everyone if they can briefly introduce themselves and state what department they are from. He mentioned this is done in order to network within one another. He thanked the members for attending and explained the agenda for the meeting.

2. Recording Secretary and Member at Large Replacements

Luis announced that the MCHN Board is searching for officer replacements for the Recording Secretary and the Member at Large. Anyone interested in any of these two positions may contact Luis or any other member through e-mail.

3. Nursing Shortage

Luis informed that an article in the Arizona Republic stated Arizona is having a huge Nursing shortage and he thought he would discuss this topic, due to his involvement with the Maricopa Integrated Health System as the Community Relations Manager. He stated there is a nursing

program that has been set up to receive a certificate in three years. There is also a Bilingual Nursing Fellowship program at South Mountain Community College. For further information, you can go to our Hispanic Network website at www.azda.com/mchn. Or you can contact Luis at 602-344-8726.

4. Recognition of Past President

Luis recognized the past President of the MCHN, Al Ochoa for his contributions and accomplishments in the past. Al's plaque was not presented due to time constraints, but will be provided once the plaque is complete.

5. Fund Raiser

Elena distributed fliers announcing MCHN's fund raiser. It consist of building your own chocolate christmas house with your choice of white, dark or milk chocolate for only \$10, and all proceeds will benefit the network. This fun event will take place December 6th and 12 from 12:00 p.m. till 1:30 p.m. For further information you can visit MCHN website or to sign up you can contact Blanca at 602-506-7466.

6. Treasury Report

Gaby reported MCHN has a total of \$5,625.28 in the budget and the membership dues are still down but slowly increasing

7. New MCHN Pens

Anna presented the network's new colorful pens that include the MCHN website. Luis added the board may be ordering a different style as well.

8. Guest Speaker

The network's guest speaker, Mr. Luis Espindola from the National Latino Peace Officers Association began his presentation by explaining how he achieved his goal to become a Police Officer. He explained how he went through so many obstacles, not only because of his race but of other barriers as well. But all the hard work paid off and now he is trying to help today's kids to achieve their dreams as well.

Mr. Espindola encouraged all members to take part in such a worthy cause by volunteering in one of many associations that always accept much needed assistance, for example the Boys and Girls Club. Anyone who is interested can also go to their web site at www.NLPOA.com.

9. Open Discussion

10. Prize Drawing

The Board would like to express thanks to Victoria Jaquez who donated an item from her Princess House business, Helen Esparza Vaughn, from e-Gov Technology Department, who made and donated a sample chocolate Christmas House, and also a special thanks to Nancy Santos for also donating three items.

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted

Blanca Davila
MCHN Secretary