

UNY Meeting--June 30, 2016

Message from Gary: Hi guys. I can't be in on this today since I am with 16 students on a trip to Spain and Italy!!! I will try to check in at some point during the day, but it will really depend on what we are doing and how much access to wifi we have. Anyway, have a GREAT meeting and an even better summer

NOCHE DE PELÍCULA

Mark: We had LOWWWW turnout for 'El Estudiante', mostly folks from campus. Will keep at it.

Cynthia: For next year, I would like to suggest to invite both the university students and the upper level local High School students to watch it together at the local Community College or University. It can be a nice community outreach event. Especially if it combined with an informal college visit. I am thinking that it might generate quite the interest! What do you guys think?

Gerardo: I believe I'll be showing EL ESTUDIANTE in the Fall at Wells College.

POSTER CONTEST

Bri: nothing new here but I have been compiling a list of suggestions for next year.

Cynthia: Let's start advertizing it early in the year. Also, UNY Council members need to participate and create local interest.

Gerardo: My experience at Wells is students seem to resist making posters about Spanish culture, but in the end, they must do them because it's part of their final grade.

ENDORSE A CAREER DAY

Gary: I would really like to have some of this to break in the new school year in September. Having the students see the videos would be a great way to help them understand the importance of learning another language. Can we have these videos available and get the word out to all of our members?

Gerardo: Endorse a Career Day is an amazing concept. We need to find a way to integrate it in a way that makes sense to college level courses.

Bri: Emily has done an amazing job with these. They will be out soon for use as far as my understanding. I can't wait for people to see them. Thanks again Emily!

Cynthia: Yes! Great job! Can we come up with a poster to advertise it? I We can share them in a dropbox file for teachers to use. Would this work Laura?

Emily: I will tweak a couple of things and it will be all set to go. Thanks for the videos Cynthia!

CHICOS CHARLANDO

Gary: Although my students had a very lackluster response to Chicos Charlando activities this past year, I am going to really hit it hard in the fall. Let's get some up and running! If it becomes a monthly thing, it may have a better showing. Ideas?

Mark: we have a pipeline to a local school through a new dual-credit arrangement, so this idea has promise now. Would be great to combine our Spanish students with local HS students.

Cynthia: Great idea!

Bri: Though I may have had to use some extrinsic motivation to get my students there, they enjoyed it and it was good to see them in such a setting as always. I will be teaching a different level (lower) here on out, but will see if I can still share this with my Spanish Club members or attend myself with students from HF.

Cynthia: Yes, please come! Also, let's get the new HF upper level teacher involved with our group too!

Emily: I put out 2 dates for Fall 2016 in our last e-meeting document. I think a few, more heavily attended meetings are better than a smattering of students at more meetings. Students are overloaded with activities and marketing the evenings too many times doesn't seem to attract more students. I, too, use extrinsic motivators but once the kids are there it is a positive experience.

Gerardo: Chicos Charlando is an idea I'm going to try to integrate to all Spanish courses for 2016-2017 school year.

NEWSLETTER

Laura: I haven't sent out a newsletter with the write-up on the spring outing yet--sorry, I've been really busy! In any case, that's on the agenda to be the last newsletter that I send out, and I will also include information on late registration for the fall outing (Jen, do you want to write some updated language into the promo we have been using?)

Cynthia: Laura, where are we with looking for your replacement? How long can you stay with us? Perhaps, a couple of us should be trained by you to take over in the event no one steps up by the time you are ready to let go. Any comments?

FALL OUTING

Gary: Promote! Promote! Promote! Are we going to be able to accept late applications?

Jen: I see on the registration form Gary, Merchy, Myriam and Jen Yates (new member). I haven't sent my check to Brianna, but will do it today. If you haven't signed up, and still want to participate, please send in your money and fill out the form as soon as you

can. The availability of the cabins is limited and we need to book them now. I'm excited about the opportunity again. We are going to follow the same format as last year (as stated in the outline in the registration form). If you have any suggestions for improvement, please let me know.

Laura: I sent out several reminders, including one yesterday, for people to register. I can see when people open and click on it and we have been getting a lot of activity on these--I hope this translates into participation! At least we know that there is some amount of interest.

Gerado: The idea of promotion makes me think that we should have a Facebook page for our UNY.

Brianna: I have received Cynthia's check and it is deposited. I hope you all received my email about my circumstances that weekend.

Cynthia: Do we have a flyer that can be posted in schools?, or sent directly to potential new members?

Jen: Promotion with a FB page sounds like a great idea. I also like your suggestion of the flyer. I made one up today and sent it out for your feedback.

NATIONAL SPANISH EXAM

Gary: In our last department meeting we were told of a "seal of biliteracy" that NY has approved to be placed on the diplomas of qualifying students. It is a brand new program with lots of holes in it still. I was thinking that NSE should really try to become the "gold standard" for determining if a student meets the qualifications of being biliterate. What have you guys heard?

Evelyn: I heard something over a year ago, but nothing lately. If we can link NSE to it, it would really boost our enrollment. My school is transitioning supervisors right now but I can mention it to the incoming one. Supervisors and chairs of departments tend to get more info from State Ed than us.

Cynthia: Evelyn, ask Kevin about this? I would imagined that he has a good idea about the possible link between NSE and the Seal of Biliteracy.

Emily: At LG we will be organizing a Seal of Biliteracy committee in the Fall of 2016 to begin awarding our version of it for the Class of 2018. On April 18th, the NYS Board of Regents approved the Seal for NYS schools. There is an extensive document outlining how individual school districts can apply and create their own program. There is some leeway in how to implement it. It really isn't new and it is quite detailed. Candace Black, NYSAFLT President, piloted a program several years ago in her district and is an expert in it. I will be consulting her when we begin to create our program. I am guessing someone will present on it at NYSAFLT this year (like last year). There are lots of suggestions for assessments and portfolio programs. I have a digital copy of the State guidelines if anyone is interested.

Cynthia: Emily, may I have a copy of the State guidelines, please.

SHH

Gary: I finally have gotten to the point that I will be inducting students in the fall (early) Kids are very excited about the prospects of being in SHH. My outgoing principal wasn't sure there would be interest, but..... I will have to see what our new sheriff thinks

Jen: Gary you will be so happy once you get through that first induction ceremony-that is the hardest. It gets easier every year. Call me if you need a hand or have any questions. We just inducted our 20th group, I believe.

Mark: I got an e-mail from someone in the Southern Tier looking at starting a chapter. Is the contact info. Updated on our website?

Cynthia: Yes! Rosa Perifimos is our SHH State Director and Claudia Decker is our SHH Northeast Regional Director.

Also, Claudia has volunteered to do a workshop at the beginning of the year if we want it. I think we should send out a survey to find out if people would like to come together to learn how to start a chapter. What do you guys think? Claudia is open and willing to come from New Hampshire.

Brianna: I won't have HS students, but may be asking around for some MS amistad chapters or how to set this up. I've been researching online...

Cynthia: I'll be at the AATSP Conference in a couple of weeks, I'll have the new SHA get in touch with you Bri. It would be great if we could have one chapter in each of our schools.

OTHER

Gary: Remember that the August meeting on the 25th will be at El Mexicano in Saratoga. I will still be in Spain....Is there any way we could change the day to later the next week (Sep 1-3)? I would LOVE to be able to meet with everyone.

Jen: If we move it, keep in mind that it's Labor Day weekend and I'm sure it would be a poor turnout. Sept 1 is a maybe (as it is a Thursday), but I would say no to Sept 2 or 3.

Evelyn: September 1 would probably work for me as well.

Brianna: sept 1 I have a tennis scrimmage with GF and SGF that evening. That weekend of Labor Day will be difficult for me as we are so busy fitting in the last minute things.

Cynthia: I will be away from the August 27th to September 5.

Treasurer's Report:

Cynthia: Brianna, how much money do we have in our bank account without including the Fall Outing deposits?

We need to budget our chapter's money for the remainder of the year. We are expected to use most of it to benefit our membership by year's end, or to have some plan that it will be used up by January 1, 2017

SPRING OUTING:

Our trip to NYC was very successful! I have finally gathered the permissions to use the photos, so I will send you a copy of the article via Google share file.

AATSP Annual Meeting in Miami.

Cynthia: I will be attending this meeting on July 7-11. Is there any information that any of you would like me to gather, or ask? Is there any workshop on any topic that you would like me to attend and report back?

I am sure I will have time to sit in a few workshops, the only other thing that I have to do is be in attendance at special meetings where I will be introduced as one of two 2017 AATSP 9-12 Representative Nominees. So, wish me luck in making a good impression!

Emily: Good luck!