

Minutes: 1/27/19

UNY Chapter of AATSP

Organizational Meeting Via Zoom

Members Present: Gerardo, Elizabeth, Cristina, R. J., Cynthia F., Myriam, Cindy H., Evelyn, & Sherry

I. Welcome/Opening Remarks

II. The key role of the Regional Representatives for activities and membership: Discussion was had just to clarify the roles of Regional Representatives who may not have known what their duties were.

III. Membership renewal early in the year for the purpose of more involvement and money reimbursement from AATSP to UNY: We are trying to get more people to become members and go to tertulias and other events, but some of us sense that some teachers are nervous to speak in Spanish because they are afraid of being judged. President Gerardo Cummings encourages us to pursue colleagues and friends and invite our contacts to join our UNY AATSP.

IV. Treasurer's Report: Cindy Hoetzer reports that we have \$1325 in our account. Some of that can be put towards events.

V. CTLE Credits: Cynthia Flax and Cindy Hoetzer have been working on filling out paperwork so that UNY AATSP can offer CTLE credits for tertulias and our 'Immersion' experiences (like the Fall Immersion). The paperwork is to be sent to President Gerardo Cummings for him to complete. **UPDATE:** Cummings eventually signed the forms and they have been submitted.

VI. Spring Outing/Fall Immersion Program:

- There have been past outings to NYC, Lake George, etc.
- *Possible Spring Outing:* President Cummings and President Elect Juárez-Cummings offer the idea of going to NYC to the Brooklyn Museum for the Frida Kahlo exhibition. The website of the museum is: https://www.brooklynmuseum.org/exhibitions/frida_kahlo
UPDATE: Cummings and Juárez-Cummings were planning to go to NYC in early March to 'scout' this museum and exhibition for possible Spring Outing. Due to complications, it won't be possible. Cummings invites UNY AATSP Council members to suggest other Spring Outing options or if the Brooklyn Museum and Kahlo exhibition is of interest, he invites you to help organize the Spring Outing.
- *Possible Fall Outing:* President Cummings and President Elect Juárez-Cummings suggest having the Fall Outing in Skaneateles. The town is very 'pintoresco' and they are absolutely sure that council and UNY AATSP members would love a Fall Immersion experience here. They will look into setting up the Fall Immersion in Skaneateles unless council members have other suggestions. They invite council members to Google 'Skaneateles' to get a sense of the town.

VII. Book Club: Conversation briefly centers on the past book club that involved Maria del Pilar, her book and the Pillar of Dreams website. President Cummings discusses Ruben Sánchez Féliz, a Dominican author that would make a perfect author and guest speaker for our book club for the Fall Immersion. Cummings will explore with Sánchez Féliz his possible visit to the Fall Immersion setting. **UPDATE:** The invitation has been extended as well as the exploration of acquiring 10-20 of his books at a discount. He responded positively to the invitation on 2/22/19 so we will begin exploring the details.

- VIII. **Tertulias:** We discuss that we should organize them in different places at different times in order to serve different constituencies and/or members of the UNY AATSP. Cristina (Eastern Rep) and RJ (CNY Rep) are going to work on that. **UPDATE:** President Cummings will ask Mark Warford, (Western Representative) to also work on organizing a Tertulia in his neck of the woods.
- IX. **Chicos Charlando:** We encourage all UNY AATSP members to implement Chicos Charlando to their own schools after the school day is over. College students may be interested as well. Would be nice to mix college students and high school students.
- X. **Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica:** In the past, a number of events have been pursued with the SHH: Bilingual Story Time; visiting a nursing home to teach them how to dance; reading to kids in elementary school; writing thank you cards to Spanish teachers in Spanish; there are junior and senior scholarships for travel and college-community service, etc. For more information, please contact Rosa Perifimos at: rperifimos@cps.k12.ny.us
- XI. **AATSP Poster Update:** RJ will investigate more about the poster contest.
- XII. **NSE Update:** Teachers think the exam is too hard and students get frustrated. Can earn medals and scholarships for seniors. \$4 to participate. Grades 6-12. For more information on NSE, please contact Evelyne Ledesman at: ealedezma@gmail.com
- XIII. **Lunch Immersion Meetings (February 24, June 1):** The meeting in Syracuse is to discuss the movie, *Roma* and people will learn how you can incorporate it in the curriculum. We want to host/offer events in different places, so please contact President Cummings at: g.t.cummings@sunyocc.edu if you would like to host/organize one of the Lunch Immersion Meetings. **UPDATE:** The event of 2/24 was changed to 2/23 (Saturday) and will be held in Cantina Laredo, Destiny USA.
- XIV. **Recruitment/Promoting our Chapter and Promoting Attendance at the AATSP National Conference:** We have our Facebook page and we need to get more traffic, so please join it, let your friends, colleagues and family members interested in Spanish or the UNY AATSP know about it. We also have a local bulletin delivered 3-4 times a year. Shorter bulletin for just Central NY. Cynthia Flax Invites people to the AATSP National Conference (July 8-11, 2019). We should flyer our departments or places of employment with information of our UNY AATSP. We should use hashtags for Twitter and Instagram and mention our Facebook page. We should open an Instagram account or another social media account. For anyone with ideas on where else we should be, please contact Cynthia Flax at: spaprofe2015@gmail.com
- XV. **NEXT MEETING:** Our next organizational meeting is scheduled for Sunday, April 28 at 7PM again using Zoom. More information will be forthcoming.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherry Sebesta 2/14/19