

Minutes: 3/1/2020
UNY Chapter of AATSP
Organizational Meeting Via Zoom at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Elizabeth, Gerardo, Cynthia F. Evelyn and Sue.

- I. **Welcoming/Opening Remarks:** Elizabeth welcomed everyone and introduced the new council members present.
- II. **Approval of Minutes from November 2019 Meeting.** Not necessary because this is the first organizational meeting for 2020.
- III. **Treasurer's Report:** We have about \$1400 in our account now. Cindy will confirm upon her return home.
- IV. **Plans for Spring Outing and AATSP Conference:**
 1. Discussion of attending a Dominican play "Eddies Perejil" at SUNY Albany theatre put on by The Albany Institute of Arts, open to all public. Maybe do a Q+A at theatre, invite all to come. Play is on a Tuesday, March 31 at 7:00 pm. Evelyn will ask her contacts at the Art Institute for more information.
 2. Annual conference in Puerto Rico- Sue and Cynthia will be going.
- V. **Fall Outing: Lluvia de ideas:** Trying to stay closer to the Auburn area...Ithaca? Watkins Glen? Skaneateles again? Ask Mark and Ema about Niagara Falls for next year? Cynthia suggests that we read La Ciudad de las Bestias by Isabel Allende and perhaps incorporate it into the Fall Outing. Planning for the end of September, investigating dates so as to not conflict with LECNY and NYSAFLT.
- VI. **Future Lunch Meetings/Recruitment/Promoting our Chapter:** Stressed the importance of recruiting more possible members. Elizabeth said how she is doing that at SU.
- VII. **Ideas of a Virtual Tertulia (tertulia virtual):** Have all members see the same movie ("Dolor y Gloria" by Almodóvar) and have three separate "fiestas or Tertulias" of the Upstate areas. You can rent the video on VUDU.COM for \$4.99, or buy it for \$15. We could unify all members by watching the same movie. Gerardo could do commentary- possible CTLE credit

at this “watch party”. There is a tertulia in Evelyn’s house in Delmar, Eastern Region on March 20th, 4:00 p.m.-6:30.

VIII. Discussion of UNY Chapter 2019 Member Survey:

1. Teacher Tool Kit on a shared folder for local teachers to exchange classroom resources: A suggestion of google folder, that Elizabeth will be in charge of, for teachers to drop any materials they would like to share. A basic information form will accompany any shared materials, so that teachers could follow up with each other if need it.
2. Poetry Contest was chosen as the activity to offer the students. We will need to establish the rules for the contest. (asking Ana? Sherry? Mark? to make the rules and prizes for this project for all levels. (K-5; 6-8;9-12; Higher Ed). It needs to be planned very well. Possibly begin this in September 2020. The choice of two categories- declamation of an original work or reciting a known poem. To be recorded, and setting it to private on Youtube for submission.
3. Teacher to teacher mentorship program: Cynthia will be connecting mentors to new teachers. A simple directory of both members will be made available on a shared folder and the program will be advertised through the website and social media. One column for mentors and one for mentees. The connections.

IX. Chicos Charlando Update. Offer a written format with questions in Spanish for teachers to use with their students in a Chicos Charlando setting at school. ask Emily Cooper if she has a template for this and if she would help in spearheading this project.

X. Website and Newsletter:

1. Website: Cynthia asks that we all go to the website, see what needs to be changed, add pictures, etc. to make sure it is all up to date.
2. Newsletter: Cynthia also asks to send items for the May edition of the newsletter, which is scheduled to be sent out by May 1.
3. CTLE Credits Offering through Tertulias and Webinars:

- a. A one-hour webinar possibility? Will prepare teachers to teach about Indigenous Day. Hoping to do this in late August or September to give teachers time to learn and prepare.
- b. A webinar at a Tertulia on teaching: Such as a presentation on advanced grammar. Elizabeth will ask Emma if she would be willing to lead one.
- c. A literary discussion session on a given book, or a cultural movie.
- d. **Next Meeting: Sunday, May 31, 2020 (7:00 p.m.)** via Zoom. (We now have Zoom available without time limitations.)

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Welch 3/1/2020