REFORMA Colorado

Membership Meeting

May 22, 2015

Riverside Library and Cultural Center

10-12pm

**Minutes**

1. Treasurer’s Report (Lando)
	1. Good news, Reforma Colorado received a letter from the IRS regarding the tax exempt status. Reforma Colorado is now an official 501(c)3. This means we can now accept tax deductible donations and we will regain control of our finances. And we will have to file an annual report with the IRS as a result of our 501(c)3 status.
	2. After funds transfer from Reforma National to Reforma Colorado we will have $927.75. We are expecting about $2160 in registration fees from the Mini Conference. This is the highest total dollar amount in the history of Reforma Colorado.
2. Upcoming Elections (Camila)
	1. Simone and Rita are working on the elections. The ballots will go out in June. Voting privileges are reserved for paying members and institutional members.
3. PLA 2016 (Lando)
	1. PLA 2016 will be held in Denver during the week of April 5-9 (Tuesday through Saturday). Because many Reformistas attend PLA we want to hold an event.
	2. Officers will discuss the creation of a task force and most likely do a no-host dinner. Add this item to the agenda for our next Officers Meeting.
4. Spanish for Libraries: Continuing Education Task Force – Update (Nicanor)
	1. Before we start working on this we need to determine need for this service. We will develop a survey that will go out to Library Directors.
	2. What we can start working on now is creating a resources guide to place on our website with links to sites like Mango Languages, Duolingo.
	3. Cecilia and Nicanor will write a final recommendation based on the survey results. We will send out the survey towards the end of July, and have the recommendation ready by September.
5. Salvador Ávila – Keynote speaker at CALCON 2015 (Lando)
	1. Reforma Colorado will do a no-host dinner on Friday evening, October 23rd (tentative). Location will most likely be Palominos in Loveland.
	2. Salvador Ávila is a Branch Manager at Las Vegas Clark County Library District and is the winner of National REFORMA’s Librarian of the Year Award. See <http://cal-webs.wix.com/calcon15#!salvador-avila/ck3s> for further info about his presentation at CALCON 2015.
6. Mini-Conference Debrief & Next Year’s Co-chair (Lando & Camila)
	1. OUTSTANDING CONFERENCE!!!! We had a total of 130 participants out of which 100 were paid attendees. With each passing year the conference becomes more sophisticated.
	2. Big thanks to CLIC, State Library and DPL for helping us make this conference possible.
	3. We received really positive responses on our surveys.
	4. Evaluation report went out at 6:15am. Big thanks to Judith Valdez who compiled all 169 survey responses and wrote the report. It was a lot of hard work and Judith managed to beat the deadline. Big thank you to the Before and After Committee: Lando, Mary and Judith.
	5. Each survey had 8 questions. The highest rated presentation was the Multi Cultural in Children’s Literature with 96% satisfaction rate.
	6. For 2016 we would like to include a survey for presenters.
	7. From the comments we know that people wanted more! More time, more room/space, and more programs. Perhaps we have outgrown DPL and might need to consider other venues in the future - possibly the Auraria Campus.
	8. Ideas for future conferences: We can now ask for donations or do fundraising.
		1. Topic suggestions to reach out to USCIS to do a presentation.
		2. We need more formal introductions for the presenters.
		3. Look for geographically diverse presenters; try to bring more people in.
		4. Fridays seem to work well for everyone.
	9. Ross has agreed to be the Conference Co-Chair with Simone.
	10. Rita did a fantastic job with the pictures.
7. Summary of 2014/2015 Projects and Accomplishments (Camila)
	1. Strengthen our partnership with local LIS programs at DU and Emporia.
		1. Perhaps we can have students introduce the presenters at next year’s conference.
	2. Translation Service
		1. We decided not to charge for this.
	3. Still working on a new officer task force
		1. If we don’t get the information on the ballot that’s ok. We are not in a rush.
	4. We sponsored 4 teens to attend the Teen Literature Conference
	5. Reforma Members Skills
		1. We talked about surveying Reforma members asking what their skills were.
8. Shout out!
	1. We had several presentations at CLIC in Grand Junction and Pueblo with great reviews. Big thanks to Ruby, Dustin, Simone and Viviana.
	2. JeffCo has established a WIC partnership.
	3. Shout out to Reforma National presenters including Viviana, Rita, Ruby, Nicanor, Cindy Welsh and Jimena.
	4. The award Lando received was the 2015 Auraria Library Excellence in Librarianship Award.  During his 25-year career at the University of Colorado Denver he has won the other two library faculty awards (Excellence in Research, 1998; and Excellence in Service, 2011), so he has the “trifecta” (librarianship, research, service).
	5. On June 19 Mary Dodge and Lando will be presenting a session at the Auraria Library to a select group of DPS high school students on the changing role of academic libraries and librarians, and how libraries can enrich their lives.