

Minutes of Reforma Meeting
Friday, July 13, 2010
Anythink Library, Thornton, Colorado

Big Hairy Audacious Goal (BEHAG)

The meeting was brought to order by outgoing president, Ross Callender. Ross introduced Jamie LaRue, Director of the Douglas County Libraries. Mr. LaRue gave a very informative presentation on the Ballot initiatives that that will be decided in the November election. If passed, they will greatly affect libraries throughout Colorado. He stressed four points that have to be promoted: Libraries change lives; Libraries mean business; Libraries build community; and Libraries are smart investments. For more information go to: <http://bhagcolorado.blogspot.com/>

Ross clarified at the last meeting that REFORMA's status as a non-profit prevents involvement in any political activity. However, we can help inform the public.

New Officers

Ross introduced the new officers: Larry Maynard, President; Ghada Elturk, President elect, Charlene Garcia Simms, Secretary, and Laurie Spurling, Treasurer. Larry gave a brief review of a book, *The Irish Soldiers of Mexico* by Michael Hogan making a point that you don't have to be Hispanic to be a REFORMISTA and serve as an officer. Our allies are everywhere and we need them. Ghada mentioned the documentary about the Los Patricios/the Irish soldiers. Larry proceeded to thank Ross Calendar for taking on the presidency of REFORMA last year. He also thanked other officers for serving: Carol Sandoval, Treasurer and Stefanie Bakkan, Secretary.

Translation Committee

Nicanor Diaz spoke about the new translation Committee and a decision to create a translation committee was made. Nicanor was selected as Chairman. He will be in Argentina from August 17 through the end of the year and needs someone to represent him at the REFORMA meetings while he is gone. Anyone interested should contact him. There is still a lot to do to make this service work. Lots of discussion and brainstorming went on. Anyone interested in drafting rules, guidelines and policies can contact Nicanor. Rita Puig proposed teaching a translation class along with Katy Walker. The class will probably be offered in January and beneficial to anyone who will be helping with the translations. Mention was made of the need of a disclaimer. There was also discussion on the pros and cons of using Facebook.

Library People Project

Bonnie McCune spoke about Library People (Friends of Colorado Libraries) a statewide, not-for-profit organization dedicated to helping libraries with library collections, services and programs through grants, technical assistance, connections, and advocacy especially small and rural libraries. Her guest was Peach Dance a Metro State College student-intern. They both gave examples of things they have already done. Orlando mentioned Family Literacy might be a future project for this organization. Bonnie passed out flyers and an entry form for Best Friend of Colorado Libraries 2010. Library-People is initiating an award to an individual or volunteer group who demonstrates exemplary success in support of their local library. Deadline for entries is September 1, 2010. Larry volunteered to work with them to finalize the grant. Winners will be announced by November 30. If there are any questions for comments about Library People, Friends of Colorado Libraries, contact Bonnie McCune at (303) 394-3710 or go to: librarypeoplecolorado@yahoo.com to learn more and become a supporter.

DU Project - Guatemala

Milton Salazar spoke about DU partnering with the WWT Women Work Together (WWT), a not-for-profit organization, that works with women and girls in San Pedro Sacatepéquez, a community of about 65,000 people located approximately 5 hours from Guatemala City. Dr. Tracy Ehlers, founder of the organization, goes down twice a year to run workshops with volunteers about leadership and promoting education for girls and women. The next trip will be July 25 – August 8. The purpose of the trip this summer is to conduct a needs assessment, meet with key players, bring back information from interviews, meetings and surveys in order to develop a strategic plan that can then be implemented collaboratively but with the intention that it will be run by local people. The MLIS program at DU is working in conjunction with WWT to collaborate with local officials and stakeholders on building a library or libraries. Anyone interested in going this year or next year may contact Rebekah Henderson at Rebekah.Henderson@du.edu or Milton Salazar at Milton.Salazar@du.edu

The website is at: <http://www.womenworktogether.org>

CAL Reception for ALA president

Ross Calendar **announced that** REFORMA will host a reception for ALA President Roberta Stevens at CAL Saturday, October 9th. The conference will be in Loveland this year at the Embassy Suites. This will be the 4th ALA President's reception REFORMA will host at CAL.

REFORMA National Conference IV

Orlando Archibeque made a report on the upcoming national REFORMA conference to be held in Denver September 15-18, 2011. He and Ramiro Salazar are co-chairs. The date is definite and will be held at the Western Tabor Center downtown Denver. The cost will be \$250 for registration and the lodging has been set at \$125 a night for a single or double. The hotel has free wireless. REFORMA has to have 424 rooms over three nights rented and \$18,000 of food and beverages. They are looking at getting Denver Public Library to host the welcoming reception. Thanks to Rita Puig, chair of the venue committee for finding and coordinating the conference location and rates. They are looking for committee chairs, of special importance, a program committee chair. This person is responsible for the content of the conference. Contact Orlando if you are interested in being on a committee. Ross reported that CLIC will donate one registration fee (possibly two, to be announced later). The website is under construction. Orlando also reported that the national REFORMA is purchasing an association management system. At the ALA REFORMA meeting, REFORMA passed a resolution condemning the Arizona Immigration Law.

Laurie Spurling mentioned a literacy program at ALA-Washington DC, an initiative established by outgoing ALA president, Camila Alire, which will help libraries develop literacy programs for ethnic communities. REFORMA developed "Noche de Cuentos / A Night of Stories" as part of this initiative. It promotes and preserves the art of storytelling. "Noche" was celebrated March 20-27, 2010, and the vision is for "Noche" to be celebrated by Latino families across the U.S., along with the global celebration of "World Storytelling Day". For further info: www.nochedecuentos.wordpress.com The products and resources for ALL the Family Literacy Focus developed by the five ALA Ethnic Caucuses can be accessed at: www.ala.org/familyliteracyfocus. Larry read information about the upcoming event Su Teatro will be having and read Ruby Nugent's email information about a possible Comadre basket donation for this event. Details in are in Ruby's email of July 8th. Meeting adjourned at 12 noon.