

Minutes

REFORMA Membership Meeting

CAL Conference: Marriott Hotel Conference Center, Englewood, Colorado

November 20, 2009

In Attendance

Tracy Treese, Cindy, McFadden, Ross Callender, Carol Sandoval, Charlene Simms, Simone Groene-Sackett, Marie-Elise Wheatwind, Lisa Murillo, Natalie Romano, Joan Schopf, Stefanie Bakken, María de Herrera, Maggie Shawcross, Pilar Castro-Reino, Amanda Wiese, Larry Maynard, Demetria Heath, Lisa Wood, Jeanine Semrau, Evi Klett

News

Carol Sandoval, REFORMA-Colorado Treasurer, is retiring from the Denver Public Library. Lucky for us, she's staying on as Treasurer. We will be planning a celebration for her!

Larry Maynard informed us about the sad result of the vote on the 4A Initiative in Aurora causing 4 libraries to close and issue layoff notices to 45-50 employees, including to Larry and another other REFORMA-Colorado member, Tracy Treese. If you know of any libraries looking for outstanding employees, they're available!

REFORMA-Colorado agreed to formalize its role of letting people know we have experts for libraries: Spanish-speakers for translation and/or interpretation, outreach experts, resource experts, etc. Larry and Ross will develop a flyer to promote ourselves this way. Something will also be sent out on libnet, placed on the web site and on the ning.

It's membership time. Don't forget to renew.

REFORMA-Colorado members presented two sessions at the 2009 CAL conference: Web 2.0 / multicultural outreach and Volunteers and Diversity. We look forward to hearing details about their presentations at the next membership meeting.

Congratulations to Pueblo Public Library for being named CAL Library of the Year! Wow! Their Hispanic Resource Center was mentioned in the presentation of the award.

María de Herrera, Conejos County Library, told us about the opening of Conejos County Library branches in some of the little towns of San Luis Valley—Capulin, Romeo, Antonito—and all are run by volunteers. Because of these new locations in little towns, there were 48 new kids participating in their summer reading program.

Next Meeting

Friday, January 8, 2010 at one of the Arapahoe County libraries at 10 a.m.

Membership meetings are always held at 10 a.m. the second Friday of every other month.