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ASPIRE Membership Meeting
Little America Hotel – Salt Lake City, UT
October 19, 2005

Approved Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:45 PM by President Amy Verlanic.

Hearing no objections from the membership, Amy appointed Kathy Felker as Parliamentarian.

Appreciation and Introduction: Amy Verlanic recognized the 2005 Conference Committee and introduced the 2006 Conference Chair, Lynn Farris. The conference will be held October 7-11 in Missoula, Montana and will offer western hospitality.

Leadership Development Institute: Sher Warren reported that this year's Institute had 41 participants: 11 for Academy, 12 for Second Year Academy; 18 for Emerging Leaders. The evolution of LDI has provided information and opportunity, provided history, and assisted with development of leadership skills within our organization and its' membership.

Student Leadership Congress: Kim Coon-Domacilio reported that there have been two successful state Student Leadership Congress events which have begun to build a foundation of experience for a new regional event. The dates are November 2-4. Students will be taking on leadership roles which will empower them to become instruments for change. A mock congress will be held; a service learning component will be central to the experience. Steven Covey, a noted author, will be speaking to students. Kim asked those in attendance who are planning to send students or need more information to contact her.

Aspire Training Institute Update: Sue Misock announced that ATI has scheduled three trainings this year and encouraged new personnel, as well as seasoned, to attend. Information is available on the web site. Sue also introduced Simon Harrison who has accepted the role of project coordinator. She also thanked Tom Smith, part time bookkeeper, for all of his work.

Framework for Membership Discussion: Amy announced that she intends to guide the 2005-2006 committee charges and board efforts in four focused direction;

1. Creating Higher Levels of Membership Engagement:
2. Improving the work of the Multi-Ethnic Advocacy committee:
3. Increasing Financial Stability of the Regional Association:
4. Strengthening States Chapters for Rapid Responses to COE Action Alerts:

She encouraged the membership to remain optimistic about the work they do and our chances of continuation even in these perilous times and to never give up the ideal that a few joined voices can make a difference.

The floor was opened for discussion. None was brought forward.

Meeting Adjourned.