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Spanish Language Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
January 23, 2012

Opening:

The meeting of the Spanish Advisory Board was called to order at 5:00 pm on 01/23/2012 in May Dugan Canter by Magda Gómez.

Present:

Dennis Anderson
Ron Berger
Luis Cartagena
Carlos Chinchilla

Yasin Cuevas
Blanca Figueroa
Magda Gómez
Luis Gómez

Ivelisse Roig
Dhalma Valentín

Not Present:

Marilyn Bagley
Pablo Castro III
Adrian Maldonado

Loran McLain
Javier Morales-Ortíz

Welcome:

Robert Zaremesnky

A. Approval of Minutes

Approval of The Spanish Advisory Board minutes from the September 19, 2011 meeting. The motion was moved by Blanca Figueroa and seconded by Luis Cartagena Minutes for 09/19/2011 meeting were approved.

B. Bilingual Election Program 2011 Summary

The results of the survey were discussed and copies of the survey summary were made available; survey results lead to reaching out the Hispanic faith based community.

In the area of poll workers, members were encouraged to continue referring qualified community members for these positions.

C. New Business

Calendars with proposed dates for the required meetings by the Decree were distributed. It was explained that the meetings requirements are related to the general elections which are typically in the month of November. Two of the meetings were rescheduled; new dates are July 23, and September 17. The Advisory Board Chair proposed that the subcommittees arrange meetings throughout the year in order to help in planning voter outreach activities for the Hispanic community.





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D. Subcommittees:

Poll Worker

Overview of the current bilingual poll workers recruitment efforts, Luis Gómez will send flyers to his media contacts. Dharma Valentin mentioned the possibility of having a bilingual recruiter as a guest speaker at block committee meetings. The good work the Board of Elections and Advisory Board is doing about recruitment was acknowledged, and both were told to keep up with the good work.

Community Outreach and Voter Education

The Community and Voter Registration Subcommittee provided a summary in reference to the faith based rally, which is has been reschedule for the spring,

- **Faith based Rally:** The Faith Based rally is not interested to focus their rally on voter registration, but to motivate their members. Luis Cartagena mentioned that it is important for the pastors and churches-representatives to get involved in the main event planning. The Advisory Board and BOE could help with event logistics related to facilitation of bilingual resources and information. The Chair encouraged the group to help with the planning; various members were interested.
- **Latino Voter Registration:** Ohio Voice is interested in reaching out to the Hispanic community to increased voter registration and they have contacted Advisory Board members for direction. The Chair and Bilingual Coordinator are working to get an election resources tool package for community agencies to share with their customers and clients. “We want to encourage agencies to use our website for resources; it will include specific directions in how to obtain bilingual; sample ballots, check voter registration, etc. “ said Ivelisse Roig, Bilingual Coordinator They discussed the different issues and ballots for the Primary Election, vote by mail, Super Saturday...etc. It was recommended that the Super Saturday event flyer be translated into Spanish, since it’s related to voter information within the county. The Chair will help with translate the flyer, and notify LEP’s of the Public Libraries’ event.

E. Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm by Magda Gomez-Chair. The next general meeting will be at 5:30 pm on 07/23/2012.

Minutes submitted by: Ivelisse Roig: Bilingual Election Program Coordinator

Approved by: TBA

