

S2S Planning Meeting
January 14, 2016
VSU Health and Business School

Attendance: Beatriz Potter, Diana Acero, Betty Paulk, Rosetta Coyne, Anita Ondrusek, Mariya Chakir, Selenseia Holmes, Christine James, Martha Leake, Marge McCartney, Beverley Richardson-Blake, Diane Holliman, Ericka Parra, Quita Jones (Lowndes County Middle School Counselor), and Elena Ponder (Brooks County Middle School Principal).

The meeting opened at 6:10 pm with members' introductions. Items of business covered as follows.

- Planning meeting from December 8, 2016, reviewed.
- The auditorium, lobby, and classrooms in the VSU Dewar College of Education and Human Services have been reserved for all day March 5th. Martha will reserve the planetarium and three more classrooms in Nevins Hall for the afternoon STM sessions.
- Anita and Rosetta reported on the progress in donations and fundraising from the Valdosta Community to the S2S, 2016.

Donations so far: AAUW pledge (\$600+), Christ Episcopal Church (\$300), Universal Unitarian Church (\$100), Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night (about \$260), Smokin' Pig (35 pounds of pulled pork for lunch buffet), Winn-Dixie (\$30 gift card), Walmart (\$25 gift card), Daylight Donuts (discount), Professional Printing (tablets).

Businesses approached: Georgia Power, Steele's Jewelers, Bank of America, Fazoli's (for Spirit Night), Publix (for \$100 gift card), Animal Health Center, Diana ->Rodeo and Empanadas.

Suggestion by Beverley: Zaxby's for a Spirit Night. Marge took a few more promotional packets. Organization approached: National Council of Negro Women.

- Diana Acero reported on program sessions:
 - Juan Chowkay confirmed to do a Salsa dance demonstration.
 - Deborah Bailey Hallway as co-keynoter with Diana (still in progress).
 - Diane Holliman will follow up with Regina Scruggs as the Summit's MC.
 - Beverley will follow up with confirming a technology speaker.
 - Anita will contact Sheila Hall for the other tech talk – social media theme?
 - Mariya has a terrific idea for a session on cultural ornamentation and henna.
 - Beatriz and Mariya proposed a panel presentation lead by two international students from Egypt and Russia – Christine is willing to moderate.
 - Martha and Diane H. to recruit students as campus guides (to and from Dewar building and Nevins Hall).

- Summit Theme

Theme selected: ¡UNIQUE! with the symbol for woman ♀ worked into it if possible.
Diana Acero will work on the graphic.

Members discussed the importance of prominently displaying both the Sister-to-Sister logo and the AAUW logo on the program, promotional materials, and wherever possible.

- Rosetta and Quita to follow up on a survey of S2S girls and report back ASAP.
- Anita to distribute invitations to school principals and counselors next week.

Reminder: Upcoming full membership meeting will be at the IDEA Center at 6:00 pm on January, 21, 2016. Anita will provide a draft of the S2S program to the membership at that meeting. Rosetta will distribute tickets for the Fazoli's Spirit Night (percentage of all proceeds go to S2S).

Meeting closed at 7:20 pm.