

S2S Planning Meeting
January 21, 2016
IDEA Center

Attendance: Beatriz Potter, Diana Acero, Betty Paulk, Rosetta Coyne, Anita Ondrusek, Mariya Chakir, Selenseia Holmes, Christine James, Martha Leake, Beverley Richardson-Blake, Quiana Martinez, Bettye McClendon, Quita Jones, and Elena Ponder.

The meeting opened at 6:00 pm with members' introductions. Items of business covered as follows.

- Welcome perspective new members.
- Sister-to-Sister Committee Reports.
 - Anita reported that invitations and registration form were emailed to counselors and principals of middle schools in Lowndes, Brooks, and Cook counties plus VECA, Valwood, St. Johns, Highland Christian Academy, and Genesis Christian School. She gave Bettye the materials for distribution to her church groups.
 - The registration form was passed around. It includes the Unique theme graphic.
 - Rosetta reported on the progress in donations and fundraising. Anita reported that Georgia Power cannot support us this year, but invited us to apply next year. Marge McCartney is working on food donations from Atlanta Bread Company and a possible donation from Bank of America. Pier I may give us a discount on mirrors for closing activity.
 - Coupons for the January 30th Spirit Day sponsored by Fazoli's were distributed.
 - Quita shared results from her student survey with the group. Themes that emerged were targeted as themes for the morning S2S sessions. Three sessions from 10 am to noon were agreed upon: Mariya's cultural ornamentation theme; Quita's sources of strength and what is your uniqueness theme; and a possible friendship theme to be discussed with Diane Holliman and her SSW grad student facilitators.
 - Diana reported that she continues to follow up on program sessions. She is working with St. Johns contacts to recruit girls.
 - Beverley and Anita are following up on confirming afternoon STM presenters. Martha will reserve Nevins rooms, a computer lab may be needed – Anita to confirm with Martha later this week.
- Discussion on how to collect donations for S2S from members.

The group decided that members should be advised to turn in their checks at the next few meetings (dates below).

- Upcoming S2S planning meetings. Location: Social Work Conference room in the Health and Business Building on the VSU North campus.

Wednesday Feb. 3, 6 pm. Tuesday, Feb. 9, 6 pm.

- Next regular full membership meeting: Thursday Feb. 18. Selenseia Holmes is our speaker. Location: IDEA Center at 102 Georgia Avenue.

Meeting closed at 8:30 pm.