Diversity Committee Minutes 9/4/15 9:00

Members Present: Bucky Dann, Kay Wolf, Beverly Balliot, Matt Kirby, Brian Kane

Funding of \$2500 has been received from SCC for hosting an Hispanic Heritage event. Kay Wolf proposed that SCC host a group of touring company who present an educational program about three well-known Latina/Hispanic women. It includes music and monologues. A short program would be presented at the Macon Campus and a longer, evening program at the Jackson Campus. A tentative date in March, 2016 was suggested.

It is estimated that the program will cost \$4400, including hotel rooms for the performers. A video trailer of the program was viewed, followed by discussion about the value of the program and the associated costs ensued. Everyone agreed the program looked excellent, and would probably also appeal to segments of the public. Raising the necessary money was discussed further.

To proceed, Kay Wolf will contact the troupe about dates in March. She will also contact Cheryl Contino-Connor about the expense beyond the offered \$2500. Brian Kane will check on possible funding from the Jackson County Council on the Arts, on possible business sponsorships, and on the availability of a marimba from WCU. Matt Kirby will approach the Rotary and business people at Rotary about possible sponsorships for the program.

Bucky Dann reported that he will be presenting, as part of Diversity Committee activities, three seminars on Islam and Islamic extremism, at the Macon Campus.

David Jons has agreed to send out the Hispanic History month weekly factoids.

Because of the need to continue planning for the possible Hispanic Heritage event, it was agreed to meet on **Tuesday**, **9/22**, **at 1:00**. The meeting will be in **Burrell**, **room 202**.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15.