

Notes from CSA Meeting re Plans for the upcoming year/semester
December 5, 2007

Items discussed included:

1. 2nd Sunday potlucks will be a monthly event; venue will remain the same.
2. CSA could plan an event in conjunction with the Puerto Rican or Latino Students' Association. Possibilities include a food sale, the ISS food bizarre or a music event.
3. CSA could also possibly plan something with the African Students' Association. One idea was a flag party or flag day which could be held on the Wednesday leading up to a weekend event (no specifics were given regarding the event).
4. Members of the group were asked to gather recipes from their respective islands in order to compile a Caribbean cookbook for possible sale at Spring Fest. As far as Spring Fest is concerned, the sumo wrestling suits were also discussed as a possible money making venture.
5. The Hanna Center tutoring will continue as last semester. Additionally, CSA hopes to host another afternoon activity at the center, similar to the first where the group made Carnival costumes with the children.
6. Velvet and Dahlia will coordinate the decoration of the CSA window in Stewart Center; Fiona and Morissa are in charge of coordinating social events.
7. It was suggested that one Saturday, the group work along with Habitat for Humanity (this was not elaborated on in great detail). Also, CSA could adopt a charity each semester, perhaps with a focus on Caribbean children. One proposal was that school supplies could be sent to children in the region; the group would seek to raise funds to offset the cost of shipping.
8. Since some members would be in town over the Christmas holiday, it was suggested that a visit be paid to Home Hospital. We could paint ornaments with the children and then hang them on the Christmas tree.
9. As far as fund raising goes, Caribbean groups in Indianapolis could be contacted in order to seek funds/support for upcoming events.
10. The group needs to be more visible. During Open Day, held during the fall semester, CSA could have a booth. The group also needs to be on the E-board. Laurel would design a poster. We are also in need of a banner that can be used at various events.
11. A discussion similar to the one held in Spring 2007 at the Black Cultural Center could again be held.
12. Finally, an official election of officers needs to be held next semester (Spring 2008).