



PROGRAMA PRO
niños incapacitados
DEL LAGO, A.C.
PROGRAMA PRO NIÑOS INCAPACITADOS DEL LAGO, A.C.
(PPNI, A.C.)

MEMBERS MEETING

HOTEL REAL de CHAPALA, 10:30 am
THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2015

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Beverley Kephart, Dave Pike, Rich Petersen, Linda Hendy, Larry Wynant, Bill Dingwall, Donna Lillie, Mike Brown, Ron Tomlinson

ACTION NEEDED

Absent Board members; Barb Corol, Derek Nelson, Rita Frost, Tom Gladney

Recording Secretary: Linda Hendy

Bev Kephart convened the meeting at 11:50 am.

1. President Bev Kephart announced the resignation of David Flaningam from the Board of Directors.

Bev also announced that Margaret Quinn is retiring from the role of Volunteer Coordinator. The Board presented a token of their appreciation in the form of a gift certificate to be used at a future Niños Event.

Guests attending this General Meeting were introduced.

Bev Kephart shared that 5yr old Santi Silahua raised \$387 pesos going door to door for Niños Incapacitados. She had learned of NI from her mother who works for a member.

2. Minutes from the General Meeting of March 19, 2015

Moved: Margaret Quinn Seconded: Dave Pike
That the minutes be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried

Business arising from the minutes:

Board and Co-ordinators List circulated – corrected and recirculated with these minutes

3. **CHILD OF THE MONTH** – presented by Rich Petersen

Mario Montez Oliveros – age 8.5 yrs

Stepmother – Maria, Father – Mario Ernesto is a mason

Maria has three other children ages 15,13 &11

Mario spent his early years with his birth mother, Carmen and a sister.

As his parents were estranged, Carmen had to work and care for

Mario. She eventually was so tired out she had to leave him with his

father.

Mario was premature. He has hydrocephalus; hearing and visual deficit; cerebral palsy.

Mario joined NI in March 2007 when he was a baby.

ACTION NEEDED

The special chair Mario uses was supported by 50% by NI.
The three stepchildren play and talk with Mario. He has responded by being more active and responsive to everything.
He spend several years in equine therapy, and that therapy helped to bring him out of his ragdoll appearance and got him more engaged and responsive initially. He has a dislocated hip and he can no longer go to equine therapy. There is some hope they may be able to give him some sight. He is going to an appointment for a cornea transplant and to see if the cataract on the other eye can be removed.
NI pays for IMSS which covers many of the costs for Mario.
Maria is taking him 4x a week to Teleton for therapy in Guadalajara.
NI covers the gas cost to therapy. NI also helps with medications and other therapies and studies or tests.
NI has helped Mario financially by some \$86,000 pesos since 2007.
Maria thanked the members for their support for Mario and all the children of NI.
It was suggested that Rich request a therapist report from Teleton on what is Mario's status and what other help he might need. It was noted that Mario understands much of what is said to him and the family understand many of his communication efforts.

4. Reports:

Treasurer's Report – had been reported at the AGM portion of today's meeting.

Moved: Mike Brown Seconded: Ron Tomlinson

That the Treasurer's report be accepted as reported.

Motion Carried

Budget Update 2015:

The Board had budgeted for lower income and a 20% increase in clinic costs. Revenue from Events had been planned at \$790,000 but has achieved \$830,000. Expenses YTD are up 6% which bodes well to complete the fiscal year well within budget.

Moved: Carol Antcliffe Seconded: Nicole Sergent

That the budget update be accepted as presented.

Motion Carried

Clinic Reports: March, 2015

Chapala –61 families seen over 2 clinics - \$76,615 pesos disbursed.

Ajijic - 17 families - 1 clinic - \$37,310 pesos disbursed.

Jocotepec - 53 families seen over 2 clinics - \$67,967 pesos disbursed.

Special notes;

Sol Maria has been providing free speech therapy. She is an audiologist originally from Columbia now living in El Chante.

Juanito – who was our child of the month for our December reception, is now located in a new home in Chapala. The house layout has allowed him to run in the hallway. His family report he is very happy and much better for the move. It was learned the family did not have a table and chairs in the new house and Gloria Cardoso arranged a

donation. She noted they also needed a sofa and Patsy Smart arranged for a sofa and chair from a bazaar. The Family are extremely grateful for all the extra support.

ACTION NEEDED

Nicole Sergent advised that Gloria Cardoso has also arranged some work at home for several of the mothers doing sewing. They are making the clothing line Uramta which is available at Lois Cugini's.

Fundraising Report

Linda Hendy noted that Donna Lillie has confirmed she will chair Trivia for 2016. With that commitment all event chairs were now in place and all dates are confirmed for 2016. There is the possibility of a Jeffery Straker concert at the end of 2015 or early 2016 and that will be confirmed by our next meeting.

A Donor recognition program will be in place for 2016. Annual appeal will be distributed in October 2015.

Volunteer Report

Margaret Quinn said she is semi-retired and will be around to help the next coordinator. She noted there had been 59 volunteers over 3 hr shifts at the Chili Cook off this year. The Gala had over 300 tasks to be accomplished and some 104 volunteers were involved.

Margaret thanked Kari Higgins for all her work in developing and managing the volunteer database and task sheets. She noted that Rita Frost had recruited a large number of new volunteers this year as well.

Other Business:

Centavo Jars – Ann Heath noted that the last deposit for Centavos was \$949.10. Please turn in jars and pick up empty ones and start again.

It was noted to the members present that there will be NO monthly meetings for the months of June, July and August.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 am.