



PROGRAMA POR NINOS INCAPACITADOS DEL LAGO A.C.(ppni.ac)

MEMBERS MEETING

Thursday January 12, 2017

Real De Chapala Hotel

Salon Eucaliptus

1030am

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Dave Pike President welcomed all present and Chaired the meeting. Dave acknowledged 3 new attendees, Kichean Sturemarle, Sharon Sibson, and Monique Powers, thanking them for their interest in the organization and welcoming their participation.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING DECEMBER 8, 2016

MOTION

That the minutes of the last meeting December 8, 2016 be approved as circulated.

Moved by Bev Kephart Seconded by Linda Deriger

MOTION CARRIED

3. CHILD OF THE MONTH

Nicole Sergent and Gloria Cardoso presented the child of the month, Milagros Paulina Valdivia Vega. Milagros was born prematurely in 2012 and spent 3 months in the perinatal intensive care unit. As her lungs were underdeveloped at birth she is prone to respiratory infections and her immune system is compromised requiring a puffer and steroids. She has been with the program since 2015 and we have expended 12,000.00 pesos on her care to date. She has a very supportive family with a 12-year-old sister and a 10-year-old brother. Her mother expressed appreciation to the program for the support of her daughter but also for the other families helped as well.

4. TREASURERS REPORT

Larry Wynant reported that our financials for 2016 are now complete. Our targets continue as 150 children in 3 clinic areas. We spent 2,500,000.00 pesos in clinics last year. Our funding revenue comes from donations and events, 46 % from donations and 54% from our events. We have budget a 14% budget increase for 2017. Larry pointed to the success of 2 Kermes events in 2016 resulting in over 100,000.00 pesos generated by the families whose children we support. We also benefited from 2 Sinatra events in 2016 resulting in 36,000 pesos. We had a target of 25,000.00 pesos for donations up to

Dec 31, 2016. We still have more information to come regarding these donations but are hopefully we will reach our target. It is very important to note that there are no paid positions in the organization and our administration costs are less than 4%.

5. REPORTS

- a. **Clinics:** Barb Corol reported on the Jocotopec clinic operations for the month of December. Both Barb and Ginger Gonzales play a key role in managing the activities of this clinic. In December 88,761 pesos was distributed to 46 families. There is a waiting list to enter the program. Transportation becomes an ongoing problem as the DIF van is no longer available and costs of transportation are rising. An arrangement has been made with parents to help share transportation costs and "car pool" if possible. A "Keppra Club" has become available for children receiving this very expensive drug. If a patient joins the cost of the drug will be cut in half and drugs will also be delivered to the home. With the support of many including additional clinic volunteers Karen Best and Lily Toomer families were given special xmas treats.

In Ajijic 11 families were seen and 12,300.00 pesos dispersed. Two new children have been referred and are proceeding to gather required paperwork. The families were treated to xmas treats on January 4th.

In Chapala 2 clinics were held in December seeing 26 families in one and 21 in another clinic, and distributing 102,864.00 pesos. The community of San Pedro a small community beyond Mescala has many community and health problems and we are starting to see referrals from the area at about 2 per clinic.

Assessments presently being undertaken.

We are thankful that some of our children can receive the services of Shriners in Mexico City. This year we supported 51,000.00 pesos in transportation to Mexico City.

Chapala clinic enjoyed their xmas celebration Dec 23rd with chickens for the families and gifts for the children. Appreciation was expressed to all those who provided donations to ensure all the families would enjoy xmas. We raised 21,000.00 pesos in support.

All of our clinic workers are greatly appreciated for the time and the effort they give to helping our many families.

Linda Deriger pointed out that "Terracycle" a recycling program that collects such items as used toothpaste containers, wrappers, bread bags potato chip bags will donate 25 pesos for every kilo of recycling collected to the community of San Pedro.

- b. **Communications** Carol Antcliffe presented the new English and Spanish brochure pointing out that they were redone to take out tax donation information regarding Canadians. Tax receipts are still available for Mexicans and Americans, and individuals can donate through the website. All information will be updated as new tax information becomes available. Bill Dingwall indicated how strong our relationship was with Save the Children Canada. Unfortunately,

the Canadian Revenue Agency has mandated this change due to tighter tax policies.

The new website is up and functioning well. The new program for Legacy Giving (leaving money to Ninos in a will) will be monitored as to its success. The inserts have been repeated in the January OJO and additional Spanish is ready for printing. Event emails continue and posters are up around town for the next 3 events.

- c. **Events:** Howard Plotkin reported that in addition to the successes of the Kermes and the Sinatra events we received 3000 pesos from a percentage of margaritas sold by Just Chillin. Guido Basso concerts are this coming weekend and tickets are still available. Rabbie Burns is close to sell out and Trivia ticket sales are well on there way. The Chili Cookoff will be the weekend of Feb 10-12th with Jim Kaye and Patsy Smart handling this event. The Rondalla Concert (an evening of romantic Mexican music is scheduled for Feb 17th at the Auditorio. Mardi Gras is scheduled for Feb 28th and anyone knowing where we can borrow a half ton truck for 2 days is encouraged to be in touch with Patsy Smart. Our premier event of the season, the Gala, is scheduled for March 16th.
 - d. **Non Event Fundraising:** In addition to Legacy Giving as mentioned, the Committee is underway with numerous strategies to appeal to donors including Social Media strategies such as Facebook and crowd funding and targeted cocktail parties.
 - e. **Nominations Committee** The organization is always interested in recruiting new volunteers to the Board as well as preparing for board turnover. Please give consideration and/or let Tom Gladney know of any potential candidates.
 - f. **Volunteers** Linda Deriger reported that volunteers for the next few events are in good shape. We are always looking for new interest in volunteering so please be in touch with Linda. Volunteers are critical to the success of all our events and there are a variety of different possibilities to get involved.
6. **OTHER BUSINESS**
- a. Bev Kephart will be dealing with coin collections. Please keep collecting.
 - b. A reminder re coffee contributions.
 - c. Ginger Gonzales and the Gala volunteers are looking for an open jeep as a prop for the Gala. Please be in touch if you have any leads.
 - d. Date of next Members Meeting February 16, 2017

7. **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

MOTION

That the meeting be adjourned at 1135am.

Moved by Bill Dingwall Seconded by Carol Antcliffe

MOTION CARRIED