



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

MEMBERS MEETING

HOTEL REAL de CHAPALA, 10:30 am
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2015

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bev Kephart, Dave Pike, Rich Petersen, Linda Hendy, Larry Wynant, Linda Hendy, Rita Frost,

ACTION NEEDED

Absent Board members; Barb Corol, Tom Gladney, Bill Dingwall, Donna Lillie, David Flaningam, Mike Brown

Recording Secretary: Linda Hendy

Bev Kephart convened the meeting at 10:30 am.

1. President Bev Kephart announced the appointment of Michael Brown as a new member of the Board effective February 10th Board meeting. A full list of Board members and Co-ordinators is be attached to the minutes of this meeting.

Linda Hendy

2. Minutes from the General Meeting of January 8, 2015

Moved: Larry Wynant Seconded: Rita Frost
That the minutes be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried

Business arising from the minutes:

N95 Mask for Brayon – completed

Spanish Books for Brayon – M. Bernier - completed

Xmas photos & notes on website – C. Antcliffe – in process

Auction item – D. Flaningam & B. Dingwall - completed

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

Melanie Isabella Diaz López – 8 yrs.

Eldest of 3

Mother: Marla

Father: Miguel

Been with Niños Incapacitados since 2011

Melanie started with convulsions at age 3, first an arm, then a leg and arm primarily on the left side.

She was diagnosed with epilepsy. The 1st medication prescribed did not work. She started getting full body convulsions, starting with 1 a day progressing to 20/day. She suffered with 2 yrs of convulsions until the right medication mix was found.

She has a helmet style head wear she wore when she was suffering from convulsion to protect her. She now has no convulsions. She is on kepra plus 2 other complimentary drugs and just this month has been able to stop one of those 2 medications.

She has been back in school for 2 years and is a good student. Natural science and math are her favorite subjects along with drawing and painting.

An organization called “kayla club” has helped to arrange for a reduced cost of the drugs and home delivery.

4. REPORTS FROM THE BOARD

Treasurer’s Report: Presented by Larry Wynant

For the month of January 87 children has disbursements provided through the 3 clinics.

The monthly average is \$145,000 pesos disbursed for all three clinics.

December – April is a positive inflow of funding when all our major event activities take place along with our year-end appeal.

50% of funding comes from cash donations

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Our two January events - Trivia and the Robbie Burns dinner net approx. \$135,000 pesos which represents almost one month of clinic funding.

Clinic Reports: by Rich Petersen for all three clinics

Ajjic Clinic

Rich reported Ajijic clinic runs 1x a month.

19 families were served and \$31,452 pesos disbursed.

Several children are benefiting from equine and aquatic therapies.

Jocotepec – Rich noted Barb Corol was ill and could not attend today.

51 families were served over 2 clinics in January and \$64,996 disbursed.

NI has a strong relationship with DIF in Jocotepec and it works well.

DIF screens the families and delivers a complete file on families they wish NI to register.

Income cut off is case by case but generally around \$6000 pesos a month is the maximum a household might be earning.

Chapala

58 families were served over 2 clinics in January and \$65,934 pesos disbursed.

A boiling water burn child is being seen by Dermika organizing a special compression suit (cost \$3,000 p) and special cream for the itching.

The baby born with its intestines outside the body has had 5mths of hospitalization. The family rotates their time at the hospital and Ninos is helping with the gas costs to allow a family member to be there 24/7.

ACTION NEEDED

Medicial Committee – Chair, Bill Dingwall was not able to attend as he was recovering from surgery. Larry Wynant noted that medications had increased 36% in 2013 and a further 24% in 2014 and we are planning a 20% increase in 2015 budget. Medications through Segura Popular (or IMSS) is often hit or miss. When available it is free. Operations and chemo or radiation is covered by the insurance and we ensure our families register as there is no cost to belong.

Fundraising -

Linda Hendy reported that the non-event fundraising committee members are working on developing a number of strategies to implement this fall. Our annual appeal is scheduled to go out mid-October.

Events:

Gala – Chair, Ginger Gonzales reminded folks this event is coming on March 12th.

She noted there would be an Elvis impersonator as part of the entertainment along with a wedding chapel to renew your vows. There would be a classic car on display for photographs on arrival. There would be 2 photographers donating their time this year. Program has been streamlined to ensure folks are on the dance floor by 8:15 pm. Cocktail reception will start at 5:30 pm with the dinner beginning at 6:15 pm. Spotters and recorders for the live auction are still needed. Ginger asked for help to put up posters in key places.

Jeffery Straker Concert

It was noted that tonight is the first of two concerts. Center section seats are sold out but there are still some seats for February 13th.

February 17th is Mardi Gras parade in Ajijic and NI will have a float with some of our children participating. Decorating will take place on the Sunday before.

Chili Cook Off – Liaison Stuart Anderson reminded everyone the dates are February 27, 28 and March 1. Admission is 20 pesos.

Volunteers:

34 people responded to the article looking for additional 2hr volunteers. The additional volunteers have helped greatly to reduce volunteer burn out.

It was noted that volunteers are welcome to help at the clinics to play with siblings and clients while they are waiting for their turn. Volunteers who like to do administrative tasks, like ticket sales administration, data entry, mass email are also needed.

Early booking of dates for 2016 of all events would greatly help the planning for volunteers and marketing and communications.

5. Other Business:

Laptop computers can be used to help our children both in school and restricted to home to keep up on school work.

An appeal for laptops and a reminder of upcoming events will be sent out in an email.

Linda Hendy

The meeting adjourned – 11:45 am.