

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

MEMBERS MEETING

HOTEL REAL de CHAPALA, 10:30 am THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2015

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Beverley Kephart, Rich Petersen, Linda Hendy, Larry Wynant, Barb Corol,

ACTION NEEDED

Absent Board members; Dave Pike, Derek Nelson, Rita Frost, Tom Gladney, Bill Dingwall, Donna Lillie, Mike Brown, Ron Tomlinson

Recording Secretary: Linda Hendy

Bev Kephart convened the meeting at 10:35 am.

- 1. President Bev Kephart welcome those in attendance noting there were no new guests in attendance.
- 2. Minutes from the General Meeting of April 9, 2015

Moved: Nicole Sergent Seconded: Gloria Cordosa That the minutes be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried

3. CHILD OF THE MONTH – presented by Rich Petersen

Christopher Reyes Venegas – baby just 1yr old in April Stepmother –Jessica, Father – Christian – carpenter's assistant One other child in the family with no issues.

Baby was induced at 6 mths born with his intestines outside his body. He remained in hospital for 7 mths.

First operation was 5 days after birth, then 2nd at 8 mths...

Came home for a month and then

returned to hospital for another 8 mths. Almost died on 2 occasions.

Also had an eye problem and had a cornea transplant.

Nov 2014 he had surgery for ulcers on the cornea

In Jan 2015 he had pneumonia – 8mth & weighed 4 kilos.

Feb saw improvements and he came home the end of February.

Went back 2-3 times to the hospital to monitor him

Family managed to rotate so someone was always there with him throughout his length hospital stays. Ninos pays for gas for the car, medicine. The family has Segura Popular and has an income under \$5000 p/mth. As of April the baby is now tolerating special milk and growing quickly. Because of eye issues he does not tolerate bright light.

ACTION NEEDED

4. Board Reports:

Treasurer's Report:

In the absence of the Treasurer, Bev Kephart presented the Treasurer's report.

- Most of our events for 2015 have now occurred (Fashion Show, Clown Show still to happen) and consequently, we are in a strong cash position at this point in the year. The funds from these events have amounted to \$844,000 to date and will cover approximately 5 ½ months of expected expenditures by the clinics. The remainder of our clinic expenses comes from the generous donations we receive from all of you.
- The monies we receive from events and donations are held in three different funds which have been approved by the Board:
 - The Ninos Incapacitados Development Fund: This fund has a long term horizon and is to be used for major expansions or new initiatives. The Development Fund has a present balance of \$200,000 pesos.
 - The Ninos Incapacitados Operating Fund: This fund holds monies that are used to cover the expenditures by our clinics and other operating expenses. The Board has established a policy of maintaining reserves in the operating fund equivalent to 6 months of expected clinic spending.
 - <u>Named Donor Funds</u> will be created to meet investment and spending objectives of donors. These funds require a minimum investment of US\$1,000 and can be of an endowment nature or have a term and spending objectives specified by the donor.

These three funds will be described in more detail in our communications to prospective donors.

Moved: Carol Antcliffe Seconded: Ann Heath That the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented.

Motion Carried

Clinic Reports:

Ajijic – presented by Nicole Sergent

April saw 15 families and disbursed \$31,177 pesos A high school student, Erika, who need to do some community service helped with the waiting children and siblings.

Jocotepec - presented by Barb Corol

April saw 46 families over two clinics and disbursed \$54,120 pesos

Barb is finding it can take up to 6 mths for appointments to be confirmed through Seguro Popular.

DIF van is on the road to CRIT two times a week. The clinic pays for 8 children in wheelchairs for door to door service

ACTION NEEDED

\$150 pesos per child.

Barb noted that Sol Maria who has been helping children for free with hearing and speech issues, is leaving the country as she cannot get a paying position. She will be a big loss. There is no new information on the operation of the new hospital and when it will be open.

Chapala – presented by Rich Petersen

April saw 61 families and disbursed \$81,555 pesos As an aside Rich noted the May 1st clinic was very heavy turnout.

Gloria Cordosa is now helping with setting up and monitoring the Shrine appointments.

Rich noted we lost a little 2 yr old girl and helped the family with \$1,500 pesos towards funeral costs.

We are helping a 15 yr old boy with bone cancer to have a knee replacement surgery. Mother has saved \$20,000 pesos towards the surgery.

Carlos Roa has been helping financially with a family with a child who has aged out of Ninos with ongoing costs.

Fundraising:

Linda Hendy noted that the Molycop Corporation donation secured through Ginger Gonzales would soon be provided monthly. A number of paperwork items needed to be finalized. The gift is \$300 US per month.

Rich Petersen and Linda Hendy attended the Chapala Sunrise Rotary meeting and made a presentation. One member donated DVD's for creating copies of our Ninos Incapacitados Video.

Bev Kephart noted at the Kermes netted \$43,642 pesos and that Movistar was a new supporting providing \$1,200 pesos. It is also anticipated they will support our Silent Auction in future. The next Kermes will be held in November, date to be determined.

Communications:

It was noted there will be a revised Spanish brochure ready for fall.

Volunteers:

Bev Kephart noted that a volunteer reception is scheduled to be held January 14th, 2016. Our new volunteer coordinator is Lynda Deriger assisted by Kari Higgins.

Kari Higgins noted there will be a new volunteer survey regarding the positions we are looking to fill.

A request was made to find a file cabinet to store key papers of the association. A lockable unit would be preferred. Cabinet Needed

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 am. Next Meeting September 10, 2015