



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

## **MEMBERS MEETING**

### **Salon Tabachines**

HOTEL REAL de CHAPALA, 10:30 am  
THURSDAY, April 7, 2016

#### BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Beverley Kephart, Dave Pike, Linda Hendy, Larry Wynant, Bill Dingwall,  
Donna Lillie, Tom Gladney

Absent Board members; Carol Antcliffe, Mike Brown, Derek Nelson, Howard Plotkin, Nicole Sergent, Ron Tomlinson

Recording Secretary: Linda Hendy

Bev Kephart, President convened the meeting at 11:00 am.

1. President Bev Kephart welcomed those in attendance. Alexandra Smith was introduced by Tom Gladney a volunteer and employee with SalesForce the software company we are using for managing Ninos Incapacitados in the future. The software was donated by Salesforce and is a \$200,000 pesos value to NI annually. Alexandra is spending a week learning and organizing the data of NI for the next stage of implementation. They had to go back to work so excused themselves from the meeting.

#### **2. Minutes from the General Meeting of March 10, 2016**

Moved: Larry Wynant      Seconded: Margaret Quinn  
That the minutes be approved as circulated.

**Motion Carried**

3. **CHILD OF THE MONTH** – No child of the month was available for this meeting.

#### **4. Board Reports:**

**Treasurer's Report** by Larry Wynant

The Treasurer noted the first 3<sup>rd</sup> of the year averaged a clinic cost of \$133,000 pesos a month on average. The Gala which has net estimate of \$500,000 p will cover 3 months of services. Having reported additional information at the preceding AGM no further remarks were made.

### **Clinic Reports by Gloria Cardoso**

Ajjic Clinic - March – 13 families served - \$24,805 pesos disbursed. It was noted that Jose Macias Y. has left the program as he is now in full remission from leukemia after a bone marrow transplant in 2011.

Chapala Clinics –March - 63 families served over 2 clinics and \$77,576 pesos disbursed. We have a child with recurring cancer who is refusing further chemo and is not eating well. Prognosis is not good. On the other hand another child who had open heart surgery last fall is doing well.

Jocotepec Clinics –February - 59 families served over 2 clinics and \$79,375 disbursed. Barb Corol noted that Seguro Popular has managed to restock insulin. Teleton is in a financial bind and is terminating any client who misses 4 appointments regardless of the reason. NI Jocotepec is going to support DIF to celebrate “Dia del Ninos” with toys and jeans April 30<sup>th</sup>.

It was again noted that the aging out children are a worry to our volunteers. Many still need support. Some efforts will be made to research other resources available to advise the families. Adopt a child donation program might also be explored in this regard.

### **Fundraising/Events:**

Linda Hendy indicated that as reported at the AGM, our cash donors have been very generous and represent 50% of our revenue. Corporate donations and efforts to enter the Mexican community for donations will continue to be advanced in the coming year. Getting Spanish materials and a website completed are key to that appeal. We also are still awaiting our “official” Hacienda document only for Mexican corporate donors, Norm Smith suggested that these points be published locally, at which it was noted. Committee members did complete the work on developing Planned Giving materials and they are now with the Communications area for finalization. We plan to initiate an appeal for Wills month in Mexico in September. On behalf of Howard Plotkin, Board Member responsible for the Events side of our organization, all dates have been confirmed for our event calendar as follows:

Sunday, April 17	Kermes
Thursday, October 27	Fashion Show
Thursday, December 8	AGM followed by Donor/Volunteer Reception
Friday, January 13 - Sunday January 15	Guido Basso Concerts

Wednesday, January 25	Robbie Burns Dinner
Tuesday, February 7	Trivia
Friday, February 10 - Sunday, February 12	Chili Cook-Off
Tuesday, February 28	Mardi Gras Parade
Thursday, March 16	Gala Dinner

Gala co-chair Donna Scherer noted that the theme goes to the jungle and will be “into the Wild”. More details to follow.

Gloria Cordoso noted that the Kermes this year will have a band supported by the municipality and will run post Kermes 6-8 pm. Additional volunteers may be needed but this is primarily something promoted within the Mexican community. There was a press conference and all the local media outlets attended.

Dave Pike noted that Rob Parker recently passed away and had been a very active volunteer to get our fundraising kick started with a program of pledges in 2010, 2011. It turned our organization around. As well he was the catalyst to get the ability for our Canadian donors to receive tax receipts in Canada by donating through Save the Children Canada. That relationship has grown and we are now starting to work with Save the Children Mexico more closely. It was noted that a thank you ad will be appearing in the Guadalajara Reporter.

**Volunteers:**

Donna Lillie, Board liaison to the volunteer organizers, noted that Lynda Deriger did an incredible job of organizing and communicating with working volunteers this year. It was her first year and a big job even with the help of Kari Higgins and others along the way.

**Other business:**

Ann Heath reminded people to bring their change jars in.

Moved by Robin Lawrason                      Seconded by Darlene Pike

That the meeting adjourn at 11:25 am.

**Next Meeting is Thursday, May 12, 2016.**