



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

**MEMBERS MEETING**

HOTEL REAL de CHAPALA, 10:30 am  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2015

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dave Pike, Linda Hendy, Larry Wynant, Carol Antcliffe, Nicole Sergent, Donna Lillie, Mike Brown, Tom Gladney, Bill Dingwall, Howard Plotkin

**ACTION**

Absent Board members; Beverley Kephart, Derek Nelson, Ron Tomlinson, Barb Corol,

Recording Secretary: Linda Hendy

Dave Pike convened the meeting at 10:30 am.

1. Vice President Dave Pike welcomed those in attendance. He opened the meeting with the introduction of new Board Member Howard Plotkin and noted that Director Rita Frost has had to resign for personal reasons. He then welcomed first time attendees and had them introduce themselves.
2. Minutes from the General Meeting of November 12, 2015.

Moved: Carol Antcliffe      Seconded: Ann Heath  
That the minutes be approved as circulated.

**Motion Carried**

3. **CHILD OF THE MONTH** – presented by Nicole Sergent

Maria de Lourdes H.P. – 23 months

Mother – Ana Virginia – homemaker; Father – Federico – Construction worker

3 other siblings in the family ages 6, 5 & 3 and no more are planned.

Maria came to us in February 2015 at 1 month of age.

Maria suffers from asthma and she uses a spray which she

understands helps her breathe easier. She also had an issue with

pneumonia and has a minor heart problem. She is on a special milk and the doctors feel it is possible she will grow out of her asthma issue.

Ninos Incapacitados helps with transportation to doctors appointments in

G DL; the special milk and the medications she needs. To December

9<sup>th</sup> we have supported this family with \$ 31,787 pesos. Ana Virginia told the meeting she didn't know what she would have done if we had not been there to help them with the costs. Her baby might have died.

#### 4. Board Reports:

##### Treasurer's Report by Larry Wynant

As we are 11 months through the year, Larry noted that we have currently 157 children registered as active and our three clinics are averaging \$180,000 pesos a month in expenses. We estimate our spending for the year will be approx. \$2,000,000 pesos plus incidentals. Our total administrative costs remain under 4%. He noted that pharmaceuticals and transport are up 26% over 2014 and to put in perspective 2014 was up 24% over 2013 and 2013 was up 36% over 2012.

For our budgeting for 2016 we are planning on a 30% increase between the US\$ vs Mexican affect on pharmaceutical prices. From the transportation end Pemex does not refine gasoline so costs this year reflect the cost of importation and the US\$.

From a revenue standpoint 2015 has been a very strong year. We have had 2 bequests which have helped us put a development fund in place for special needs. Our event revenue remained stable but we are hoping for an increase in 2016 activities. Your support as members continues to be critical.

Larry noted there were two Kermes (family fun day fairs) organized by the parents of Ninos Incapacitados children and their families. The two events brought in \$68,000 pesos.

##### Communications Report by Carol Antcliffe

Carol noted that a private fundraising event to benefit Ninos Incapacitados and the LCS Education fund was held in early December. The host was Stephanie Decker who bid on Jeffery Straker at our live auction at the gala in March and Jeffery did a private concert. The event costs are still being finalized but is estimated to provide a donation of \$15,000 pesos to each charity. In 2016 Jeffery Straker has agreed to again stand for auction at the gala and we hope to also do an auditorium concert while he is in Ajijic in 2016.

Communications has been somewhat hampered by the challenges of doing mass emails. Many of our messages are going to Spam and a campaign is underway to try and get our people to give permission to receive email to make mass mailing easier. Please check your SPAM for Ninos Incapacitados messages and take the time to read and click on the link to give your permission to receive our mail.

You will see an ad for Ninos Incapacitados in the December OJO generously donated by the paper. There will be an ad in a January edition of the Guadalajara Reporter for our January events. A volunteer has stepped forward to work on social media options with Facebook which is a prime communication tool in the Mexican community. Small video ads have been done to be played in the movie theatres and can be used for other items.

#### Clinic Reports:

Ajjic – presented by Nicole Sergent

November – 11 families disbursing \$19,211 pesos

Centro de Salud has now provided a private room with a bathroom for Ninos Incapacitados to use for its clinics.

Chapala – presented by Nicole Sergent

Note these numbers represent 2 clinics per month

November – 68 families disbursing \$102,330 pesos

She noted they saw a set of fraternal twins who had been premature. They are undergoing extensive testing for issues. One has been diagnosed with cerebral palsy. One child was sent to the Shrine in Lakeside and she will be going to Mexico City for assessment.

Jocotepec – presented by Nicole Sergent & Ginger Gonzales

November – 51 families and disbursed \$60,165 pesos

For Christmas the Lee Jeans donation of 200 pairs of jeans had been received and will be disbursed to our children as well as Beanie Babies left from last year's gift stock.

For Ajjic and Chapala Clinics, Nicole noted she had raised funds from friends to purchase fresh chickens for every family attending the December pre Christmas clinic. Larry Wynant has made a personal donation for the purchase of additional gifts needs for the various ages of children.

Fundraising presented by Linda Hendy

The Annual appeal letter email distribution was distributed by email prior to the US Thanksgiving and follow mail has been sent due to the issue of email distribution. The mailing was only sent to those who made a cash donation in 2014/15. Personal follow up to these donors is being done by committee members.

Event dates for 2016:

Tuesday, January 12	Trivia - Lorna – 766-2793 -2pm - \$250.00p and 6:30 pm - \$300 p
Monday, January 25	Robbie Burns Dinner – Anne – 766-1609 5 pm - \$375 p
Tuesday, February 9	Mardi Gras Parade
Friday, February 26-	Chili Cook Off
Sunday, February 28,	<a href="http://www.mexicannationalchilicookoff.com/">http://www.mexicannationalchilicookoff.com/</a>
Thursday, March 10	Diamonds and Denim Ball – Sue – 766-0487 – 5 – 10:30 pm \$450

Events Update:

Anne Flaningam noted Robbie Burns dinner has 6 tables full and marketing efforts will continue to past purchasers and our ad in the January Reporter.

Posters were on hand for distribution and Margaret Quinn organized within the member base in attendance to get items put up around Lakeside.

Donna Lillie, reported that the Trivia evening event is almost sold out. There is still plenty of space for the afternoon game.

Ginger Gonzales reported the Diamonds and Denium ball is making organization progress and ticket sales will start in mid-January. Jamm Band (that plays at Adelita's on Mondays) will be our entertainment. Sparkling wines will be available by the bottle. 4 corporate sponsors have been secured.

Chili Cook Off – Dave Pike reported that Stuart Anderson has given his personal guarantee that our booth will be outside in the free air this year. We hope to once again to have a great volunteer team. This event generated \$33, 875 pesos in 2015 and a lot of community awareness for the charity.

Volunteers – presented by Lynda Deriger

Lynda noted that volunteers are set for Trivia on January 12<sup>th</sup>. She is currently working on securing volunteers for Robbie Burns on January 25<sup>th</sup>.

It was noted that a Volunteer social will be held for those people who volunteered in 2015. An invitation will be sent in the new year.

Other business:

Ann Heath reminded people to collect their centavos and had bottles available. Larry Wynant noted that Ann has been collecting and sorting and depositing centavos for Ninos Incapacitados for 10 years.

Dave Pike noted that the Little Theatre will be donating \$5,000 pesos from their opening performances to deserving charities. Ninos Incapacitados was the first recipient.

Meeting adjourned at 11:25 am.

**Next Meeting January 14, 2016**