



PROGRAMA PRO
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DEL LAGO, A.C.

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(PPNI, A.C.)

MEMBERS MEETING

Salon Tabachines

HOTEL REAL de CHAPALA, 10:30 am
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2016

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ACTION

Absent Board members; Derek Nelson, Ron Tomlinson, Barb Corol, Mike Brown,

Recording Secretary: Linda Hendy

Bev Kephart, President convened the meeting at 10:30 am.

1. President Bev Kephart welcomed those in attendance. Introduction of new guests were done.

2. Minutes from the General Meeting of January 14, 2016

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

Motion Carried

3. CHILD OF THE MONTH – presented by Nicole Sergent

Santiago C.T.

Mother – Fabiola (Faby) Father: Armando - Construction worker
Joined NI September, 2012 he was 19 mths. Diagnosed with encephalitis at 14 mths. He has a feeding tube, does not talk and he is on anti-convulsive drugs. Each time he has a convulsion he regresses. If they can stop the convulsions he is expected to talk and could take therapy to walk. He is at CRIT (Telethon) for Therapy and we support his transportation costs and help with medications and therapy. We have contributed a total of \$170,445 pesos since 2012.

4. Board Reports:

Treasurer's Report by Larry Wynant

The Treasurer noted that this is the nice time of year as the money flows in during event season. Our January events Trivia and Robbie Burns are up \$152,000 pesos over last year. Nice bonus. Our clinic expenses averaged \$ 199,000 pesos a month in 2015 and our total expenses were \$2.2 million pesos in 2015. We are budgeting for an expense of \$ 3 million pesos for 2016.

Communications Report by Carol Antcliffe

Newsletter for January was just released. There is a link on each page of the website to allow for sign up to the newsletter. We had an event's ad in the OJO for the gala in February and it is placed opposite the ad for El Corazon Creativo which is offering the bling on denim as a dress up option for attendee's denim. We had a recap of our events in the Guadalajara reporter for both Robbie Burns and Trivia and we hope to also have pictures of the Gala in the April OJO. Carol's objective is to have a press release and photo after every event while it is fresh news.

She again reiterated that the Spanish Website will not be a translation of the full website but sections that are most used.

Some discussion was held that noting the length of time NI has been in operation would be a benefit to marketing it. Whether it is from its original inception or from 1993 when it became an official AC.

Clinic Reports:

Ajjic Clinic - January – 12 families served - \$25,376 pesos disbursed

Chapala Clinics – January - 70 families served over 2 clinics and \$104,448 pesos disbursed

Jocotepec Clinics –January - 45 families served over 2 clinics and \$64,330 disbursed.

Nicole reported that the Chapala municipality is fully supporting our next Kermes on April 17th and held a meeting January 15th to discuss the event.

Nicole also extended her thanks to Larry and Jessie Wynant and Bev Kephart with the Christmas clinics.

Fundraising/Events:

Linda Hendy reported non event fundraising since November 24th has seen \$377,048 pesos generated. To February 28, 2014 we saw \$429,000 pesos so we appear to be down from the previous year. We have a plan in place to expand our request for support throughout 2016 as well as begin to ask loyal supporters to consider a planned gift through their wills.

Events Update:

Howard Plotkin reported their efforts to do some outreach in the Mexican community with at the recent Lienzo Charro event in Ajijic. While they tried to engage people, in general there was no interest. It would not be a venue he would recommend attending with a booth again.

The float in the parade was very successful once again.

All is in place for the Chili Cook-off and the Gala and both are well Planned.

Ginger Gonzales noted that sponsors for the gala include E2Energias, Seis Leguas tequila, Lee Jeans, O'Rourke & Associates and Molycop. Miguel Martinez with the Charro school and Equine Therapy program is donating cowboys, horses and a roper.

There are 10 items in the live auction.

Members Note

Next Kermes is April 17 – please get bazaar items to Bev Kephart 766-3940.

Volunteers:

Margaret Quinn reported that the volunteer reception went very well and she had a number of notes from people who could not attend, pleased we had invited them. She felt we had achieved excellent public relations and our effort was appreciated.

Margaret was thanked by Bev Kephart and a round of applause by members.

Lynda Deriger announced the time slots for the Chili Cook off she need additional help and spoke with responders. She also noted that anyone who could work the Silent Auction to please see her.

Other business:

Ann Heath reminded people to bring their change jars in.

Bev Kephart announced the Terracycle program Lynda Deriger does for the Feria Maestros del Arte program. People were encouraged to support the program.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.

Next Meeting March 10, 2016.