



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

## **MEMBERS MEETING**

HOTEL REAL de CHAPALA, 10:30 am  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 2016

### BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

### **ACTION**

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

Recording Secretary: Linda Hendy

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

1. President Bev Kephart welcomed those in attendance.

### **2. Minutes from the General Meeting of December 10, 2015.**

Moved: Nicole Sergent      Seconded: Howard Plotkin  
That the minutes be approved as circulated.

**Motion Carried**

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

Angel de Jesus E.C. – 7 yrs old

Mother – Sandra - Father – Jose Luis, Pool maintenance worker

1 other sibling in the family 3 yrs old

Angel has an issue with both tonsils and sinuses. He has problems Breathing and takes a pill at night and is also using an inhaler.

He is covered by Segura Popular and is expected to have surgery but it could take up to a year to schedule.

He is in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade in primary school.

A question was raised about surgery in the new Segura Popular hospital in Jocotepec. It was noted that the hospital is not fully equipped and Nicole indicated she plans to visit to get an update on services currently being offered.

#### 4. Board Reports:

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

2015 saw Ninos Incapacitados serving 162 children and spending \$2.2 million pesos. Expenses have risen over the past three years.

2015 – 28% over 2014; 2014 – 24% over 2013; 2013 – 36% over 2012

We are budgeting at 30% increase in 2016 based on the anticipated increase in the cost of medications and the status of the pesos to the US \$.

He noted that our events raise roughly half - \$ 913,000 pesos of our expense budget and the balance comes from donations.

##### **Communications Report** by Carol Antcliffe

Carol noted that members should check your SPAM for Ninos Incapacitados newsletter if you did not receive it. Members has suggested that perhaps an article on the growth of Ninos and the change in the cost of expenses would help spread the word about the ongoing need to raise more money. Carol said it would be taken into consideration in the communications plan. She noted that we are also looking a creating video shorts to be used on social media and in the Mexican community.

##### **Clinic Reports:**

Ajjic Clinic - December – 14 families served - \$25,669 pesos disbursed

Chapala Clinics – December – 97 families served over 2 clinics and \$111,686 pesos disbursed

Jocotepec Clinics –December – 60 families served over 2 clinics and \$74,314 disbursed.

Nicole Sergent and Ginger Gonzales noted some special news from their clinics. Nicole noted a leukemia child was now off drugs. Photos from the Chapala clinic Christmas party are one the website. Chapala families received a fresh chicken for Christmas. She noted the Ajijic families received the Roscas de Reyes traditional bread on January 6<sup>th</sup> for three kings day. Ginger noted every child received a wrapped gift and the family were presented with fresh fruit platters.

## **Fundraising/Events:**

Linda Hendy reported the annual appeal letter raised \$134,000 pesos in December. Further funds are anticipated to be received in January and members of the Fundraising committee are working on strategies to grow our cash donations. Planned giving materials are drafted and will be used to encourage Ninos Incapacitados to be a recipient of bequests from dedicated supporters.

### Events Update:

Patsy Smart noted that a truck is needed to be a float for February 9<sup>th</sup>. Linda Hendy offered a van and flat bed trailer with metal sides in the event a truck is not secured. Ann Heath noted donations of confetti would be welcomed.

Stuart Anderson spoke to the 2016 Chili Cook Off <http://www.mexicannationalchilicookoff.com/index.html> and noted the following:

Hours are 11am – 5pm each day February 26 to 28  
Cooking facilities will be outdoors this year  
PPNI is the only supplier of hamburgers

He also noted that he would be retiring from the Board of the Chili Cook off this year and encouraged members to consider coming forward to serve as the Charity Liaison. Bev Kephart noted that the Nominations Committee of the Board would be seeking a recruit to fill that position.

Donna Lillie reported that Trivia was once again a huge success with 17 tables in the afternoon of January 12<sup>th</sup> and 22 tables in the evening. So while final numbers are not yet firm, ticket revenue is up so we expect to see a net improvement over the previous year. She thanked all the members who volunteered and noted that Nicole was able to get three of the fathers of our children to come and help with the set-up and tear down which was a big help.

Nicole noted that a Kermes is anticipated to take place in April, 2016. Get your bazaar items ready.

Robbie Burns dinner is sold out for January 25<sup>th</sup> so we expect a great outcome from that event this year.

Ginger Gonzales updated folks on the Diamond and Denium Ball coming up on March 10<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$450 pesos and promotion is about to start in earnest. She noted that the social hour will be starting at 5 pm to allow us to start the buffet at 6:15 pm and ensure we can get the dancing to Jamm Band started by 8 pm.

Ginger introduced Mary Ellen Rushworth and Mony Angulo from the shop El Corazon Creativo/The Creative Heart who provided members with ideas on how to add “diamonds” to that denim look for the ball. Wardrobe items can be taken into the shop for a consultation and for “bling” to be added to shirts, blouses, ties, skirts, jeans or tennis shoes.

Shop is located on Galeana # 14 in Ajijic just south of the rear of the church. For more information call: 766 0496. The store is open 10:30 am – 6:00 pm.

**Volunteers:**

Lynda Deriger noted that all volunteers are set for Robbie Burns and she is currently working on the Chili Cook off and Gala volunteer needs.

Margaret Quinn announced that the volunteer thank you reception for volunteers who worked in 2015 is scheduled for Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup> and 180 invitations have been sent. Again please check your Spam if you have not received an invite and worked in 2015.

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 \$4,266 has been received in 2015.

Bev Kephart noted that a donation of \$13,600 pesos had been received through a raffle courtesy of the work of Bill Dingwall and an event celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Frank Sinatra.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

**Next Meeting February 11, 2016.**