



PROGRAMA POR NINOS INCAPACITADOS DEL LAGO A.C.,(ppni.ac)

**MEMBERS MEETING**

Thursday December 8, 2016

Real De Chapala Hotel

Salon Eucaliptus

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Dave Pike welcomed all present and in particular acknowledged those individuals attending for the first time. Dave explained that the format today would include the formal AGM for the organization as well as a general information meeting

**CHILD OF THE MONTH**

Nicole Sergent and Gloria Cardoso presented the child of the month, Rosario Guadalupe and her mother Maria. Rosario is 8 years old and was born with no left eye and at 1 month was diagnosed with Danty-Walker Syndrome and Cerebral Palsy. She requires a wheelchair for life. To date we have spent 155,000 pesos on support of her care. Expenses include diapers, therapy 4 times a week in Guad, and nutritional supplies. She has presently started equestrian therapy which she enjoys and often aids in improved sleep patterns and digestive health. She requires 24/7 care and has a very support and committed family.

The Monthly General Members Meeting was suspended at 10:15 and reconvened at 10:46 am.

1. Minutes of the last meeting November 10,2016.

**MOTION**

Moved by Beverly Kephart Seconded by Howard Plotkin that the minutes of November 10, 2016 be approved as circulated.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**2. REPORTS**

a. Clinics

Nicole Sergent reported that it was a quiet month in Ajijic. We saw 9 families and distributed 11,000 pesos. In Chapala there were two clinics, one seeing 25 families and distributing 37,000 pesos and the other seeing 37 families and distributing 43,000 pesos. One of our special children – Miguel, 17 yrs. Old,

passed away in November and we did offer some funeral support to the family. Jocotepec saw 59 families and accepted 4 new children. Total disbursements for all clinics in the month of November was 185,846.00 pesos. Clinic volunteers are planning some Christmas activity for the children and their families. Any donations towards chickens, cakes and toys are greatly appreciated and can be directed to Nicole Sergent.

b. Communications

Carol Antcliffe noted our coverage in the December OJO and reminded people that the January edition will also have updated information in 4 inner pages and will be translated into Spanish to be available as a handout. Brochures are being reprinted in English and Spanish and will be available soon. Website and newsletter activity will be ongoing. Graphics design and printing are underway for all of our upcoming events. Our banners will be updated with our logo and a new tag line "since 1974". We have an advertising schedule in place with pricing discounts in both the OJO and Guad Reporter. The printing of Legacy Gift materials will be available shortly. Rabbie Burns will be 400 pesos Trivia 350 pesos for both afternoon and evening sessions and the Gala will be 550 pesos.

c. Non Event Fund Raising

Dave Pike commented on the increasing activity in the non event fund raising. Mike Brown spoke to some interesting activity with Facebook and Crowd Funding, all activities designed to give us other options. It was mentioned that our relationship with Save the Children Canada will come to an end at the end of December 31, 2016. Due to directives from the Canada Revenue Agency we will no longer be able to take Canadian donations and offer a Canadian tax receipt through this organization. We are extremely grateful for the opportunity to have worked with Save the Children Canada and appreciate their support throughout all discussions we have had. We are aware of the importance of issuing tax receipts to Canadian donors and are presently exploring a new opportunity.

d. Events

Howard Plotkin reported that we have had 3 successful events this Fall, the Clown Show raising 21,500 pesos, the Fashion Show raising 29,900 pesos and the recently held Kermés, although not finalized, close to 30,000 pesos. Tremendous work by all involved. In December, Sinatra 101 Dec 12<sup>th</sup> is sold out and Just Chillin will offer 10% of proceeds from margarita sales for the week of Dec 11<sup>th</sup>. The schedule in 2017 continues with Guido Basso Jan 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, Rabbie Burns Jan 25<sup>th</sup>, Trivia Feb 7<sup>th</sup>, Chilli Cookoff Feb 10-12<sup>th</sup>, La Rondalla de Chapala Feb 17<sup>th</sup>. La Rondalla is a Mexican romantic musical group concert and we will receive 10% of the admission and all of the bar profits. Feb 28<sup>th</sup> Mardi Gras parade and our end of season Gala event March 16<sup>th</sup>. There has been some

increase in prices for events due to the increasing prices for such things supplies, meals, wine etc.

e. Technology

Tom Gladney gave an overview of the major work that has been accomplished in the past year regarding our systems and our need as an organization to ensure transparency and scrutiny. We now have a financial system with our Treasurer as the key user but we have also put in place an internal auditor system on this database. Clinics are now collecting data consistently and online so we can ensure accuracy of our information regarding our clients and their families. We were very fortunate to receive a software donation and training from Salesforce to accomplish this implementation.

f. Volunteers

Lynda Deriger reported that event volunteer recruitment is going well. Guido Basso is done and Rabbie Burns only requires one more bartender. There is a Volunteer Reception Dec 14<sup>th</sup> in recognition of our valued volunteers.

3. Other Business

Ann Heath our long standing volunteer for coin collections passed away in November 2016. She was a valued volunteer with a long standing commitment to Nino and will be greatly missed. Beverly Kephart will take over coin collections. A special acknowledgement was extended to Linda Hendy for her work on the board over the past few years.

**MOTION**

Moved by Carol Antcliffe Seconded by Michelle Bernier that the meeting be adjourned at 1130 am.

**MOTION CARRIED**