

Los Ninos de Chapala y Ajijic, A.C.

Minutes of Meeting held December 14, 2010

There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m. at the office in Chapala. In attendance were Bill Friend, Belle Arnold, Pat Percival, Patricia Proudfoot, Bing Munroe, Lori Skoda and Lois Gowers

1. a. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes were e-mailed to Directors after the last meeting. Additions and corrections were made.

Bing Munroe moved the minutes of the meeting held November 16th 2010 be accepted. Pat Percival seconded. Carried Unanimously.

There was discussion about minutes being approved prior to entering them on the Internet. It was felt that we should establish a procedure for electronically approving minutes.

Bing Munroe moved that if a majority of Board Members approve the minutes electronically then they are approved, if not, they will be approved at the following Board meeting. Carried Unanimously.

2. Treasurer's Report

Belle Arnold distributed the Financial Statement for October 2010. Cash in Lloyd is \$92,802.98p, Santander is \$15,390.71p and Petty Cash is \$20.52p. In addition The Event netted \$35,260p plus a US cheque for \$300 US. Total reported is \$143,623.21p plus the cheque.

Pat Percival moved acceptance of the Treasurer's Report, Bing Munroe seconded. Carried Unanimously.

Comments about the Fundraising Event included it should be held at a warmer time of year, food was excellent, location was good, time to prepare was not adequate and in the future, planning should begin 3 months ahead of time.

Lois Gower suggested that a Wind-up meeting should be held in the New Year to review the event.

Belle Arnold reported that Dave Pike helped her recently in the office and he felt that financially we are beyond where we were last year. Bill added if we settle with IJAS, we will be even better.

Pat Percival reported on money she has been able to collect. The Legion gives NCA \$500p/month, \$500p is NCA's share of 20 calendars that were sold; \$600p is from the sale of items such as the children's book and raffles.

a. Office Report

Laura, the new secretary, has a problem with the hours of work which will have to be resolved. Bill and Belle will meet to discuss the issue.

3. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

a. Thrift Store

Lori Skoda reported that there has not been a deposit made from the Thrift Shop for the last two months. Rent was increased to \$3,800p/month. A staff member is being let go and was offered \$12,000p severance which is calculated based on years of service and the legal requirements. She is not happy and has hired a lawyer. Lori is working with a lawyer and feels that the staff member will take the deal. The lawyer felt the same.

Barbara's Bazaar has made a big donation to the Thrift Shop. Hopefully there will be a deposit after Christmas.

Apparently banks are now charging a service fee on deposits over \$15,000p. Charities should not have to pay fees on deposits. Bill will meet with Lloyd to get a statement in writing as to what their rules are. Lori confirmed that she checked 3 months ago and was told there is no charge.

b. Fund Raising Report

Lori reported that a total of \$56,890 was taken in.

c. Student Articles, Ojo and Review

Pat had not spoken to the Editor of the Chapala Review. There is a cost for an Article being placed as an Advertisement. Articles may be submitted to the Ojo without charge but not every month. Bing presented the article he wrote that is being submitted to the Ojo and NCA will have to pay for. The Bazaar is not a part of the article. It was suggested to incorporate an Ad for the Bazaar with information on how to sponsor a child. The Thrift Shop has been placing Ads in the Ojo for 350 pesos and Lori wishes to continue doing this.

Pat Percival is to talk to people at the Ojo and The Review about Articles and pursue publication options and report back to the next meeting.

Bing's article is submitted and will be published in the January edition of the Ojo.

d. Christmas Activities-posadas

To be held Saturday, December 18 at 3 p.m. Moms will be doing the cooking. They have asked that NCA provide some botanas, bags of candy and drinks. Board members, sponsors and families are welcome.

e. Bylaws Review

Bill Friend would like to clarify the By-laws and have them rewritten. Many things are subject to misinterpretation. He wishes to look at the wording and ensure the By-laws are clear and consistent with the law. For example, when do you use proxies? Declaring a Quorum 50% + 1,

taking a 5 minute break and reconvening is not recognized. What the Codes cover. What are the rules that cover meetings? Can our lawyer write down what the Code says?

Bill has reviewed L.C.S. by-laws and will present them to us. By-laws often come from other organizations and that is where many of the misinterpretations come from.

Bing confirmed with the meeting that the By-laws that we have now will apply until we meet and clarify them. A Board cannot change By-laws.

4. Board Meetings

Bill Friend polled members of the Board regarding a date and place for upcoming Board meetings. The day will remain the same and a majority voted to meet at the facility we have, in other words, Chapala office.

One suggestion was that on a quarterly basis, we have a general information meeting which could take place at the end of the regular meeting. Perhaps this could be held at La Nuevo Posada.

Bing Munroe moved the meeting adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Patricia Proudfoot, Secretary