

Los Ninos de Chapala y Ajijic, A.C.

Minutes of Meeting held January 11, 2011

There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. at the office in Chapala. In attendance were Bill Friend, Belle Arnold, Doug Friend, Lois Gowers, Bing Munroe, Pat Percival, Patricia Proudfoot and Lori Skoda

1. Minutes of meeting held December 14, 2010

There was discussion whether minutes of the last meeting were put in the Internet before being approved by the Board. Doug Friend said he had not received replies so he did not put them on-line.

It was decided and then *moved by Bing Munroe that no response to Doug Friend electronically will be considered agreement to approve the minutes. Doug Friend seconded. Carried Unanimously.*

Doug Friend moved the minutes of the meeting held December 14th 2010 be approved. Lori Skoda seconded. Carried Unanimously.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

Belle Arnold reported the bank balance is \$164,098.44p.

The request to St. Andrew's Church for \$40,000p for tutoring was received by them. They reported that our application was approved and is going to a Committee. In addition \$20,000p - \$30,000p is being requested for playground equipment. Abigail has been in contact regarding resuming work as a tutor.

A request has also been made to Soriana's for funds which they accumulate and give to charities.

Belle Arnold was asked when we can expect to see Balance Sheets on a monthly basis. She is hoping to have statements available by the end of this month. Questions concerning an Audit were raised. The accountants have had our books and reports are given to IJAS every six months. Bill Friend has been in contact with the accountants and our lawyer and is confident we have complied with the laws and he feels that the reports to IJAS are an audit until an official audit is made.

3. FUND RAISING

Lois Gowers reported that she has looked into getting T-shirts to promote our organization. They can be purchased for 130 pesos and she is suggesting getting 30 children's T-shirts for now. Cost will be \$3,900p.

Moved by Bing Munroe, seconded by Doug Friend, to approve the purchase of 30 T-shirts. Unanimously carried.

4. THRIFT SHOP

Lori Skoda reported that she deposited \$15,340p at Lloyds. This is the first deposit in two months. Finiquito of \$12,000p was paid, as well as rent and aquinaldos. Contracts are being drawn up for the current employees. Adela is back full-time and things seem to be getting back on track.

Bing Munroe agreed to talk to Terry Vidal, of Lake Chapala Society, regarding the impact their drive is having on our Bazaar.

Belle Arnold reported that NCA has moved locations at L.C.S. and are now under the 1st umbrella at the front gate to the property.

Pat Percival has not been able to speak to representatives of the Chapala Review or the Ojo. She offered that the Legion's publication would accept an article.

Bing Munroe's article was submitted for the January edition of the Ojo.

Re Ads – Cost is \$1,300p per month for an article and the Bazaar's advertisement. Doug Friend and Lori Skoda will try to write an article to publish this month. If we continue with the plan to write monthly, we will need people to write. Pat Percival offered to speak to the Writer's Group about this.

Doug Friend will be adding more children's profiles on the web.

Chili Cookoff – registration to sign up to work at the Cookoff will begin in a week's time. Pat Percival asked that each of the Board members take one shift and ask a friend or family to help as well. Lois Gowers will be driving the truck for the parade and Pat Percival and Pam Steed will ride in the back with the children. Chili Cookoff will provide a banner for the truck.

Pat Percival said that, with the help of Patricia Proudfoot, she will be putting together a list of people who will be awarded a recognition certificate for their contribution to NCA.

Annual Meeting - Bill Friend said we will look at having the Annual Meeting the first week in March. Notices will be put in the newspaper.

The NCA regular meeting will be held the second Tuesday of the month, on February 8th. It will be necessary to nominate a Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting.

Bing Munroe moved the meeting adjourn.

The meeting ended at 11:40 a.m.

Patricia Proudfoot, Secretary