

Los Ninos de Chapala y Ajijic, A.C.
Board Meeting,
January 13, 2009

In Attendance: Directors: Bill Friend, Doug Friend, Pat Moir, Lori Skoda, Pat Percival.
Absent: Treasurer Rick Feldmann.

Volunteers and friends in attendance: Madelyn Fisher, Kate Jerrett, Kenneth MacInnis, Carmen Gomes Mont, John "Bing" Munroe, Darleen Pike, Dave Pike Patricia Proudfoot, Bevie Pursell, Judith Terry

Board and friends were introduced.

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 AM by Bill Friend, Chairman.

Judith Terry was appointed Recording Secretary.

Because the Minutes from the last meeting were reviewed in advance via e-mail, they were not read during the meeting; there were no corrections from the floor and they were accepted as written. Lori Skoda motion to accept, Pat Moir second.

There was no Treasurer's Report, because R. Feldmann was out of town.

Directors Reports:

Thrift Shop: Pat Moir and Lori Skoda reported the store is doing well. The net proceeds of two months, 30,000 pesos, were deposited into the bank in December.

Web Site: Doug Friend explained that the new computers will use the Linux (free) operating system because Microsoft Windows is too vulnerable to attacks by viruses. There are 10 new desk top computers from Dell, 1 for each office and 8 for the internet café to be set up for student use in the Chapala office. There will be supervision needed when they are in use. Ginna is unable to do this along with her other work. These computers were purchased with the Viva Grant.

Fund Raising: Pat Percival reported that the "60s in Paradise" dinner was a success: it raised our visibility, and brought in 1,700 pesos. This will hopefully become an annual event. Pat would like to continue to have these small gatherings in all four towns. NCA has secured a table at LCS to be staffed on Tuesdays from 10-12. There will be brochures, volunteer information and applications and books with profiles of the children to be sponsored. She has obtained the services of Victor Aldana Diaz, a teacher of English and Spanish, to help select a child for the creative writing sponsorship. The monies for this project comes from the film forum.. The next film will be shown on Monday, Jan. 19th, because our usual Tuesday is USA Inauguration Day. It will be shown at noon, in the rear of the Jardin Restaurant. The 4th annual Writers Conference, in Ajijic, Jan, 22-25, has elected to donate the profit to the regular scholarship fund..

Pat Moir reported that a dinner event is being planned for March entitled "Dinner in Tuscany" and will be held at Pedro's Restaurant on Ocampo. Date and time to be confirmed

next week.

A reminder that the annual Chili Cook Off will occur in February, probably the 14th; NCA has had a doughnut table in the past as a fund raiser.

Office: It has come to the attention of several people that the office staff needs some supervision and direction. Pat Moir will work with Ginna, and Carmen Gomez Mont will work with Alex. Rick Feldmann will be notified before they speak to the staff.

There was some discussion for further improvements and painting of the Thrift Shop. All were encouraged to visit. Bill Friend encouraged all to visit NCA's office in Chapala.

Annual General Meeting: will be held at 10:00 A.M. at the Chapala office on February 24th, registration to begin at 9:30. Car pooling will be available. Pat La Plante will send out notices, which will also be posted on NCA's web site.

The Nominating Committee: Dave Pike has agreed to head the Nominating Committee and will contact several people to serve with him. He will also supervise the elections. NCA's By-Laws require a minimum of 7 directors, including officers, but no maximum. Bill Friend nominated Rick Feldmann for Treasurer, 2nd by Pat Moir. He also nominated Pat Moir for President, 2nd by Lori Skoda. Pat Percival declined a nomination for Vice President at this time. The following directors were nominated: Judith Terry by Doug Friend, 2nd by Pat Percival. Lori Skoda by Bill Friend, 2nd by Pat Moir. Carmen Gomez Mont by Bill Friend, 2nd by Lori Skoda. Kate Jerrett by Pat Moir, 2nd by Doug Friend.

Old Business: By-Law Change: Pat Percival and Mac Whyte have determined that a clarification of the by laws is needed for the succession of the Presidency. The following addition to the By-Laws will be added in Article III - Administration, at the end of Section 3 "In the event a President is unable to complete their term of office, the Vice President shall automatically succeed to the Presidency" This amendment is to be voted on at the Annual General Meeting.

New Business: As previously discussed Carmen Gomez Mont will establish and review the APO/CPO office procedures.

Next regular Board Meeting will be 10 A.M. on February 10th at La Nueva Posada.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10

Judith H. Whitney-Terry, Secretary Pro Tem