

NCA Director's Meeting April 13 2010 draft minutes, amended.

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Present: Bill Friend, Pat Percival, Belle Arnold, Ruth Davis

Absent: Pat Proudfoot, Lori Skoda, Pat Moir, Bing Munroe, Doug Friend

Guests: Dave Pike, Pamela Steed, Pat LaPlante.

The meeting was called at 10:03. There being no quorum, an informal discussions followed.

Presidents Report:

The Scam: The play, originally scheduled for April 16th, was canceled. It was agreed that Jeannie would be notified, and would be asked to announce that it had been deferred to a date to be announced in the fall, likely late October/early November. Belle and Ruth have recovered some of the advances but not all. Lakeside Mall held their 3,000 peso advance but promised to apply it to a later booking. A summary of the expenses will be prepared.

Regarding future events, it was agreed that event committees would be formed which would be responsible for preparing cost benefit analyses, event planning, publicity etc., to ensure that staging the events will generate sufficient funds to be worth the effort expended. Restaurant-based events generally raise less money may be less risky so may be preferred. This topic will be revisited next month. Ruth suggested that an Anikan event at the Westside Mall should be considered. If we are to proceed with the Reeves' play we will ask for a copy of the script. We will also reconsider the venue and whether it make sense to serve a meal, or just the bar and botanas.

Pam Steed suggested that someone should be in attendance at the Lakeside Mall on Friday to meet with anyone who may not know that the event was cancelled.

Treasurer's Report:

Dave and Belle are finishing up the financial review for March and will report shortly.

Thrift Shop Report:

Lori deposited 26,500 pesos today. Pat Moir reports that TTS is very busy, especially on aturday and requested help for Adella to watch in the shop for people switching price tags and lifting items. Pam Steed volunteered to help for an hour or two.

Pat Percival:

Pat reported that The Legion and the Legion Auxiliary were both seriously considering making monthly donations to NCA. Decisions likely in a month or so. The weekly table at Ajijic Tiangis / Salvadores continues to generate donations and interest in NCA.

Pam Steed:

Pam reported that she still is not receiving NCA mailings – student letter, the Newsletter, etc. Others, including Pat Laplante, have the same experience so we will have to verify if there are problems with our mass mailing system.

Misc General:

It seems that St. Andrews Outreach has stopped sponsoring NCA students.

We still have not recovered the CPO camera from Ginna.

We need to verify that Eliberto has submitted the IJAS reports, and that Silvina has submitted the Annual financial statements to SAT Hacienda. Also Eliberto should have seen Ginna and her father Francisco by now and he should have some information on the state of the grant and the balance of the Swentik bequest.

We will ask Doug to get together with Alex to ensure that he fully understands the student/sponsor communication ticket system and that his responses are timely. Also to ensure financial data are stored on the internet “cloud” disc so that they can be accessed by Dave and Belle. Special access codes will be required for editing these files.

We still need to find the Constitution and the Grant file that Pam gave to Mac Whyte, and the translated constitution. It is possible that Rick still has it.

It was agreed that Alex (and possibly Araceli) could attend Board meetings for briefing/question/answer sessions but not to participate in the meeting.

Pam Steed reported that her sponsored student (and her father) as being abused by her mother. Pam will take her to see Araceli to see if she can help. In response to questions about Araceli's credentials, Araceli did show me her University Diplomas and other documents attesting to her qualifications as a child psychologist.

Araceli is presently completing an update of the student/family reports, many of which were either out of date or incomplete, and many without photos.