

Los Ninos de Chapala y Ajijic, A.C.
Board Minutes for March 26th, 2008

10:00 a.m., Ajijic Office

Directors/officers in attendance: Pat Percival, Frank Campbell, Pat Moir, Rick Feldmann, Jim Garrow, Bill Friend, Mac Whyte

Audience: Doug Friend, John Munroe

- I. Meeting called to order by Pat Moir, President, at the Ajijic office, at 10:00 a.m.
- II. Review of Agenda. Additions/Corrections
 - a. Approval of Agenda
- III. Minutes approved from meeting(s) in February.

Moved by Pat P, second by Rick F, approved by board.
For regular board meeting only.
- IV. Treasurer's report. Rick Feldmann
 - a. Moved by Rick F, seconded by Bill F. Approved
 - b. Note-Chili Food money not reflected in February report
- V. Special Reports
 - a. Thrift Store. Pat M.
 - i. New books now available
 - ii. Discussion-sale of books at Thrift Store as compared to rest of market
 1. Rick will ask LCS for books are given to LN.
 - iii. Septic tank pumped, has helped with facility
 - iv. Tiles, new toilet being installed
 - v. Donations have been significant this month

VI. Old Business

- a. Web update. Doug Friend, Webmaster
 - i. Doug introduced the Request Tracker program, which is accessed through the LN web site. RT according to its web site, "RT is an enterprise-grade ticketing system which enables a group of people to intelligently and efficiently manage tasks, issues, and requests submitted by a community of users". More information is available at <http://bestpractical.com/rt/> which includes an online manual.

Doug will be sending out log in instructions to board members.
- b. Set new time/date for annual strategy meeting. Jim Garrow
 - i. Discussion-Pat M noted that board members/sponsors who could not attend, was cause for not having a meeting as planned today.
 - ii. Jim noted that he felt that there should have been a meeting. Future dates available are-April 3, 7, 10, 11.

- iii. Pat M reviewed the communications that she had received from members regarding a meeting today.
- iv. It was noted that getting sponsors to attend was difficult.
- v. Strategy Meeting. 9 a.m., April 10th @ Jim Garrow's home.
 - 1. Motion by Mac W, seconded by Rick F. Approved by board.
 - 2. This is a board members only workshop.
- c. Holding meetings at Neuva Posada. Pat Percival
 - i. Pat has spoke with Michael Eager of NP. April 14, 15, 22 dates available
 - ii. NP will provide equipment for showing DVD
 - iii. Coffee available at a small fee. People can order off menu for lunch.
 - iv. No fee for meeting space
 - v. John DeWall will do flyers for the meeting
 - vi. Pat will confirm with NP for 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 15th. Will also discuss having second Tuesday being our monthly meeting at NP.
 - vii. Beginning in May a closed board meeting will take place at 9 a.m., followed by the public meeting at 10 a.m.
 - viii. Pat will check on time/date with Michael. Mac will serve as contact prior to meeting as Pat will be traveling.
- d. Distribution and Review of Bylaws. Rick Feldmann
 - i. Tabled until April 10th at the Strategy Meeting.
- e. State Matching Funds Program. Rick Feldmann
 - i. No new information has been received.
 - ii. Cost of Phase II project @ Chapala. Mac Whyte
 - 1. Board members were provided with the proposal

VII. New Business

- a. Resignation of Pat Moir as President
 - i. Mac Whyte moved and Rick Feldman seconded that the resignation of Pat Moir be accepted. Approved by the board.
- b. Selection of new president
 - i. Review of bylaws
 - ii. Proposal by Bill Friend-Proposed that Pat take a leave of absence, acting president be appointed. Pat would assume presidency upon her return. Pat did not see this option as being in her or the organization's best interests.
 - iii. Pat Moir, in accordance with the by laws, recommended that Bill Friend complete the current term of President until the next annual meeting. (February 2009)

Moved by Rick, seconded by Frank. Approved by the board.

- c. Time/date/length of monthly meetings. Jim Garrow
 - i. Addressed under old business. Meeting at Neuva Posada
- d. Agenda format for monthly meetings. Jim Garrow/Mac Whyte
 - i. Tabled until Strategic Planning Meeting
- e. Use of email in conducting board topics. Jim Garrow
 - i. New web based system should assist in communication
 - ii. Further discussion at strategy meeting.
- f. Responsibilities for Board and each officer Rick Feldmann/ Mac Whyte
 - i. Tabled until Strategy meeting
 - ii. Need committee for fundraising
- g. Amor en Acción Partnership. Rick Feldmann
 - i. Organization contacted Pat Moir regarding support of LN
 - ii. Group seeking to support education of their students
 - iii. Rick, Bill, Pat attended one of their meeting(s)
 - iv. Los Ninos serves as a conduit for money donated on the behalf of AA.
 - v. Benefit to Los Ninos, expansion of our tutor's hours, increase in pay
 - vi. Moved by Jim Garrow, increase pay of tutor to 30 pesos an hour, increase weekly hours from 28-35 hours, seconded by Pat P. Approved by board.
 - 1. Further discussion on increasing 9% administrative costs.
 - a. Additional support of AA will determine if such an increase is warranted.
 - 2. Main impact is on our accounting functions
 - 3. Tutor will dedicate one session a week to AA students
- h. Proposal from Pat LaPlante. Pat P. Handout
 - i. Pat P/Mac W will follow up with Pat L to go over details.
 - ii. Board supported the proposal.

Meeting adjourned at 12:51p.m.

Strategy Planning Meeting is 9 a.m. Thursday, April 10th at Jim Garrow's home.

Next regular board meeting is 10 a.m., Tuesday, April 15th at the Neuva Posada

Submitted by Mac Whyte, Secretary
8/1/2008

