

Friends of Niños Meeting Minutes May 4, 2016 , Via Telephone Conference

Meeting called to order by Leighton at 9:02 CDT

Present, Albright, Culligan, Lindblom, Neal, Ellis, Romain, Moe, Wenrich, Shea , Leighton Absent: Tullos

Approval of minutes from Feb 14 meeting. Motion to approve, Ellis Second Shea; Passed

Old Business

Financial Review: Tom Culligan presented the March 31 (yearend) statements of financial activity and position , stating that we were in good shape with a cash reserve of approximately \$ 50 K. Culligan and Albright presented a budget for the fiscal year 2016/17 explaining the major components and pointing out that the Zihua expense figures are based on an exchange rate of 17 which at this point in time seems very reasonable. Motion to adopt the budget, Neal Second Moe; Passed

February Fundraiser dinner: Romain solicited input regarding acceptability of the Pacifica venue and received feedback from board members . Overall opinion is the Pacifica spot , the service and the food is excellent so we should make plans to repeat for the 2017 event.

Fall Fundraiser Letter: Albright reported plans to repeat last year format with the addition of a short significant "heart string" story. Perhaps a shortened version of the recent Yarnell piece about doctor.

Newsletter Update: Many accolades for Tom Lindblom and his most recent publication. Lindblom solicited input for the next issue which all agreed should be targeted to this Fall.

Irene Sheahen/Other Scholarships: Shea is expecting input from Bustos regarding candidates sometime in July.

English Classes: Ellis reported the receipt of student evaluations for the latest period. Of the 43 existing students there are a hand full with poor attendance records. It was agreed that these students should be talked to about their attendance and dropped if it doesn't improve. Romain will follow up with Jose and Stella. Ellis also reported that next Feb Sponsor taught classes will be coordinated with Stella's classes.

New Business

Nominations, Elections: Nominations for the board of directors were opened by Leighton. Sue Dehart's name was placed in nomination by the nominating committee. Move to close nominations Albright, Second Shea. Passed. Move to elect Dehart , Albright, Second Neal; Passed

Sponsor Update: Albright stated there were 223 current sponsors with students with an additional 2 on a waiting list for the August beginning of next school year.

Canadian Tax registration: Albright reported that two of our Canadian sponsors delved into the requirements for obtaining registration with the Canadian Tax authority and found the process would require the formation of a separate Canadian Corporation with its own President, Board, Bank account, etc. Once formed the Canadian Corp would need to deal independently with Zihua. Due to the complexity and independent factor the effort was dropped.

Website: Moe inquired about the "freshness" of website postings in general and the correctness of the By-Laws posted on the Director's page. Moe agreed to review the legal docs and suggest needed changes. Albright is currently keeping the website updated with regard to dates of events , registration and donation forms etc. but can use some help with the news articles. Posting is easy; generating articles is the difficult part. Tom Lindblom agreed to assist in this area.

Next Meeting: September 13, 2016 at 9:0 Central time

Move to adjourn at 10:02 . Shea Second, Culligan; Passed

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