

Tim Ellis, Chair of the English Classes - Report of Feb 16, 2014

Tim Ellis, chair of the English Classes, reported that Shelagh's volunteer classes began on 1/20 and will conclude on 2/28. 25-35 students participate including those being taught by Mabeth who started her beginner's class on 2/5. This class is designated for conversation. The problem this year is that Shelagh has two distinct groups-advanced and beginner. She has two lessons to prepare for each of the three weekly classes. It is recommended that next year her class be limited to those students with previous English study and reasonable conversation ability.

Supplies for the classes are needed including large white boards, sturdy easels, markers, notebooks for the students, etc. Tim will submit a budget request for these items at the May board meeting.

Limitations of the current church facility were discussed and Tim will look at a building on Cinco de Mayo with Mary Ellen and Carol before returning home this year. The facility has been offered without cost to Ninos.

There was discussion about the benefit of both the Volunteer and paid English classes and the Board felt that students are receiving valuable help in this area and the classes should definitely continue.

Estela who teaches the paid classes was in attendance and talked about students needing 3 years of study on average to receive a completion certificate. While Ninos paid about \$3,000 USD for our students to attend her classes last year, Por Los Ninos also contributed this amount. Carol believes that group will provide at least this level of funding in 2014.

There are some other possible volunteer teaches interested in helping in 2015 and Tim requested that names of these parties be forwarded to him for contact.

Finally, Tim asked that when students are proposed for either of the two classes, that he be informed prior to final selection.