

Friends of Niños Adelante Board Meeting Minutes

September 3, 2015 Telephone Conference

Welcome and call to order at 9:00 CDT by Steve Leighton

Attending: Albright, Culligan, Ellis, Neal, Shea, Tullos. Absent: Lindblom, Romain, Wenrich

Approval of May 14 minutes: Tabled until Feb 2016 meeting due to hard copy distribution issues.

Old Business

Financial Review: Tom Culligan presented statements for the 12 months ending June 30 (our tax year) stating everything was normal and there was little deviation between 2014 and 2015. Motion to accept Tullos, 2nd Ellis, passed. Motion to authorize Treasurer to file 2015 taxes, Leighton, second Albright, passed

February Fundraiser Dinner: no report. Chairperson, Romain absent. Leighton to follow up

Fall Fundraiser Letter: Albright reported that all materials are ready for mailing. Packets will be sent to individual Board members who offered to add personal comments to selected letters. Remaining letters and materials will be sent to Neal for assembly and posting.

Newsletter Update: no report, Chairperson Lindblom absent. Leighton for follow up

Irene Sheahen/New Scholarships: Shea reported the three awards for this year. Eloisa (sponsor Ross) attending Morelia received Sheahen, Jesus Rumbo (sponsor Bevan) attending Politecnico DF received Sanderson and Nadya (sponsor Karhoff) attending Leon received Gallagher.

English classes: Ellis reported that Stella will start her regular classes this week. The Feb sponsor taught classes hope to see a return of past format at the Church with the return of Shelagh and the assistance of some of the past and several new volunteers.

Board Recruitment: Albright reported that the effort to have Board members contact potential recruits is paying off with two good candidates to invite to our Feb meeting and several more in the works.

Rainy day fund: Leighton proposed we start a separate Balance Sheet fund called Rainy Day and begin allocating \$100 per month to this fund. The general discussion was positive for this proposal but no motion was made. Carry over to Feb meeting

New Business

Sponsor Update: Albright reported this school year end transition has presented extremely difficult information flow to our sponsors regarding the status of their students and their beca donation obligations. There has been a significant increase in the number of sponsor questions about their students. The largest contributing factor to the decline in timely status information about students is the size of the program. There is a growing trend of sponsors requesting students for the program (13 this year alone). Jose by nature can't turn down these requests thereby limiting his control over managing both how students are selected and ultimately the number of students entering. 220 total students in the program seems to be manageable. The board agreed to place a limit of 220 on the number we would fund and also agreed to notify our sponsors of the issue surrounding recommending students.

Time and date of next meeting: Feb 14 following the Student Breakfast.

Motion to adjourn: 10:02 Culligan, second Tullos, passed