

Friends of Niños Adelante Meeting Minutes

September 23, 2014

Welcome and call to order at 9:05 by President Steve Leighton. In attendance: Albright, Culligan, Ellis, Leighton, Lindblom, Moe, Neal, Romain, Schaye, Shea, Tullos. Absent : Draving, Rose

Approval of Minutes of the May 6 meeting as written, motion to accept Ellis, second Tullos, passed.

Old Business

Financial Review Culligan presented a P&L for the 5 month fiscal period April 1 2014 through August 31 and a Balance Sheet for August 31 with comment about timing of our donations to Niños Adelante and the scholarship donation by the Gallaghers accounting for the bulk of difference between years. There was some discussion about the use of the words Restricted and Unrestricted funds on the reports. Culligan to review and advise. Motion to accept financial reports as presented, Albright, second Schaye, passed.

February Fundraiser Dinner Leighton reported that a "turn key" proposal by Odel for the event to be held at his restaurant at the Ixtapa Palace is being investigated by Jose and Romain. The importance of having the event at a facility that will avoid placing any burden of planning , staging, and executing on Jose was stressed by Leighton.

Fall Fundraiser Letter Leighton reported for Chris Rose that the letters to the 250 sponsors and donors on our mailing list are being assembled now and will be in the mail very soon.

Newsletter Lindblom requested additional information from a few sources. Will publish within several weeks.

Irene Sheahen/New Scholarships Leighton announced the appointment of Claudia Shea as the chair of the scholarship committee sighting her familiarity with Niños and the scholarship through her parents, the Sheahens would suit her well for this assignment. Albright presented a status summary (see attached) for the current scholarships and motioned to accept the new Gallagher and Sanderson scholarship proposals as written, second Ellis, passed.

English classes Ellis reported there are currently 46 students in the three classes being taught by Stella. Por los Niños funded these classes for the first half of the year with a payment of \$4000. Friends of Niños will fund the second half (Sept thru Dec) with a similar payment, approximately two thirds of which has been donated by sponsors of the students in the classes.

There will be no Stella classes during Feb to avoid conflict with the Feb Sponsor Taught Classes. Ellis plans to have Shelagh Yarnell teach an advanced class this year and is in the process of securing additional volunteer teachers for the remainder of the kids. Plans include using the new facility at Cinco de Mayo for classrooms.

New Business

Nominations & Elections Expiring Board terms in Feb are, Chris Rose, Bob Schaye and Leif Lindblom

New School Year Albright reported there are 230 students and a like number of sponsors. All but a hand full have made their beca donations. Expectations are that all of the "hand full" will retain their sponsorships. We are basically in balance but can always use new prospects.

Time and Date of Next meeting February 15 2015, Hotel Fontan Ixtapa following Student Breakfast

Adjourn motion by Albright , second by Tullos passed 8:50