Friends of Ninos Adelante Board Meeting Minutes

February 12, 2012

Fontan Hotel, Ixtapa

Welcome Call to order; Attendance Chris Rose

Present: Albright, Draving, Leighton, Lindblom, Moe, Robins, Rose, Schaye, Yarnell

Absent: Vander Ende and Tim Ellis

Minutes of the Sept 8, 2011 meeting were reviewed and corrected to add Yarnell as attending. A motion was made by Steve Leighton to approve the minutes as corrected and seconded by Bob Neal. Passed

Welcomed to the meeting, Carol Romain, who lives in Zihautanejo

OLD BUSINESS

Financial Review / Bob Albright

The current balance sheet and income statement were discussed with the current assets at about 60,000 and that being consistent and stable. Money taken in is about the same as the last year. A motion was made to approve the financials by Moe and seconded by Leighton. Passed

Current student enrollment / Bob Albright

Student population is currently 131, with 81 in the universities. There are approximately 25 to 28 new students. About 40 will be interviewed from Pacifica Ninos.

Fundraiser

A very BIG thank you to Jan Moe for taking on last year’s fundraiser. She did an excellent job getting the letters out and we had a very good response. Very well done, Jan. Thank you.

Discussion of this year’s fund raiser resulted in the decision to keep it the same as last year with Chris to review distribution list. Neal will get letters out to all of the sponsors.

Newsletter / Lindblom

The newsletter is going well. We appreciate getting great stories and ideas. Good job on this Leif.

Carol has great ideas and does a newsletter to retired teachers in Canada and will be in contact with Leif. Carolromain@[gmail.com](http://gmail.com)

Scholarships

The Irene Sheahen Scholarships (2) of $1500 a year for 4 years will remain in place with Jose as the administrator. The scholarship was not awarded until January but Yarnell stated we should streamline this project to make the process smoother and more timely. A committee will be formed to work on this. A recommendation was made that the decision be made by Chris Rose and Yarnell by May 15 and awarded by September 1.

English classes

Sharon Gusby has been teaching English Classes in Zihautanejo and is quite pleased with the results. With approximately 10 regular students and as many as 17 on occasion, the program is successful; therefore, Jose, Carol and Mary Ellen will look for a new instructor since Sharon is leaving. There was discussion of having classes until the end of June with a 2 month break before resuming. A motion to fund five months of classes at $300 per month was proposed, seconded and passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Nominating business / A Vice Presidential Candidate is needed. The term definition will be explored and discussed at the next meeting as to whether a board member can go off the board for 1 year and come back on.

The nominating committee presented a slate of Directors including Tom Culligan 3yrs, Janie Robins 1yr, Bob Shaye 3yrs, Chris Rose 3yrs, Bob Albright 1yr and Steve Leighton 1yr.

Also presented was a slate of Officers including Tom Culligan as Treasurer (replacing the retiring Ann Vander Ende) and Janie Robins as Secretary

The slate was accepted as presented and a motion was made by Leighton and

seconded by Schaye. Passed

Shelagh Yarnell requested 400 pesos to cover bus fare for English class students and 2000 pesos to be donated to the Church for letting us use their facility for classes. It was suggested that these two items be covered by Jose from the Special needs fund.

Schedule for next BOD meeting is set for Wednesday, May 9, 9:00 am central time.

Meeting adjourned with a motion from Leighton and seconded by Albright. Passed