**FRIENDS OF NIÑOS ADELANTE BOARD MEETING**

**MAY 15, 2013**

**Welcome Call to Order**:

Meeting was called to order by President Leighton at 9:02am CDT.

Absent: Rose, Schaye, Moe, Lindbloom, Robins

**Minutes:**

Minutes from the Annual Meeting from February 9, 2013 were reviewed.

Tom Culligan made the motion to approve and was seconded by Beth Draving.

Motion approved.

**Election of Directors:**

The nomination committee made up of Steve Leighton, Chris Rose and Leif Lindbloom nominated Bob Albright for a 3 year term effective immediately.

Motion was made by Tim Ellis and seconded by Tom Culligan to elect Bob Albright to a 3 year term. Motion approved. Welcome back Bob!

**Financials:**

Tom Culligan sent out the financials showing a total liability/equity of $87,304 compared to $86,741 from the same time frame a year ago. No outstanding issues or abnormalities in the financials. Motion to approve was made by Bob Albright and seconded by Beth Draving. Financials approved.

President Leighton requested the treasurer provide a annual budget to help the BOD to understand more about where our funds come from, the timing and the expenditures of those funds. Tom Culligan and Bob Albright will work up a report for future meetings.

**Zihua Fundraiser 2013/2014:**

Carol Romain reported on a very successful fundraiser from the dinner in Zihua this past February. Some changes will be made to make the event more financially successful in 2014 at the same beautiful location. Minor adjustments on bathrooms, food expense, decorations and a possible new cook will be reviewed for next year. This year resulted in approximately $3000 in profit for the organization. A plan to add space for a few more people for next year along with a $10 increase in the cost of the dinner will be made.

Steve Leighton talked about the possibility of holding a fundraising a fundraiser cocktail party at the Penthouse Suite at the Bay View Grand for next year. The purpose of this fundraiser would be to generate funds for the English Classes. He will investigate dates and report back in future meetings.

**Newsletter:**

Great job on the last newsletter! The addition of some color photos gave it a “special” look and made it very attractive. The draw back is that it takes a lot of space (memory) to send it out electronically. A suggestion was made to only have one or two pictures in the newsletter while trying to send the reader to our website for more.

**Irene Sheahen Scholarship Fund:**

Carol has been working with Jose to meet with families of two and possibly a third student to determine the one that will be selected for this coming year. Bob Neal has been added to the committee to review this as well. Because the grades will not be out until early-July, the committee will not be able to make a decision before mid-July. It should be noted that it is not just the grade that will determine the candidate, but the overall commitment from the student and family.

**English Classes:**

Recently a fundraising letter was sent out to sponsors of kids in the English classes asking for support. The response was very good and will likely provide around $3100 in funding for the classes. Por Los Niños (sailfest) will also donate $3000 for the program as well. We have two classes of kids…one of 24 and new class of 14. Based on this, our annual cost will be about $6800 and we have funded approximately $6100. A motion was made by Tim Ellis and seconded by Gerry Tullos to fund an additional $1500 by FON to insure we have enough funds to start the program next fall and cover any shortfalls from this year. Motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Director & Officer Insurance:**

The question came up as to whether or not we needed Director Insurance coverage. While we do not have an office or property to insure (liability) it is possible we should have insurance to cover any “errors or emissions”. It was decided that Bob Albright will investigate the need for this insurance and report back to the BOD at the next meeting.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:**

We have set the next meeting date for September 11, 2013.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Tom Culligan and seconded by Tim Ellis to adjourn the meeting at 9:52am CDT.