Friends of Ninos Adelante Annual Board Meeting, February 10, 2013

Welcome Call to order; Attendance

Absent: Rose, Tullos, Draving, Culligan

In Chris Rose’s absence, Jan Moe conducted the meeting.

Addition to minutes: Robins was absent from the September meeting.

A motion was made by Albright to approve the minutes with this addition for the September 18, 2012 meeting and seconded by Lindblom.

1. RECOGNITION:

Newly Elected Board Members -- are Carol Romain and Gerry Tullos.

Service of outgoing Board President, Chris Rose -- Thanks to Chris Rose for his outstanding work with this group. Chris will continue his work with Ninos Adelante by heading up the fundraising efforts as a one person committee and the help of his children, donating the postage, etc. A letter will be sent to our Sponsor and Donor list. The target date is late October. Moe and Neal will assist Rose.

Service of retiring Board Members -- Shelagh Yarnell and Bob Albright. Yarnell will continue writing interesting and poignant stories for the newsletter. Thank you to you both for your outstanding dedication.

2. OLD BUSINESS

Financial Review -- Tom Culligan

After discussion of the balance sheet and income statement ending December 31, 2012, it was noted that the current assets are consistent and stable. (Copies of these statements were presented to each board member prior to the meeting.)

A motion was made to approve the financials by Lindblom and seconded by Moe.

Current student enrollment / Update -- Bob Albright

Currently there are sponsors and

*?? Not discussed*

Currently, the student count is 80 in college and 130 in high school. There are 24 high school graduates this year with about 18 going to universities. Presently, there is balance between students/sponsors. There will be 10 graduating from college this year and as many as 14 graduating in 2014.

Sponsorship status -- Bob Albright

As in the past meeting, there was discussion and questions raised regarding eligibility requirements for the Sheahen Scholarship. A motion was made to make the requirement 9.3, a change from 9.5. Jose Bustos and Carol Romain make up the yearly selection committee and noted the accepted new guidelines. Yarnell made the motion for the change, seconded by Neal.

Newsletter updates - Lindblom

There is an appeal to send stories and testimonials for use in the upcoming newsletter. No mention was made when the next newsletter would be sent.

Marilyn Ross has interest in becoming a board member and working on the newsletter.

English classes update

There was in depth discussion regarding the “paid” English classes in Zihautanejo, which will continue both morning and afternoon through the end of May with 25 students. Albright stated that we have increased the amount spent on classes from $1500 to $2000 and made a motion to increase funding to $4000 to be used over the next 8 months. Moe made a motion to accept this and it was seconded by Linblom.

The long term view of providing paid English instruction was discussed also.

-Jose and Romain will discuss and formulate resolutions to the discussed issues. There will be a definitive plan with stricter controls.

- Stella, the English teacher, along with Mary Ellen Jackson, will coordinate a list of the best students transferring from the volunteer program to the paid classes.

­-A letter will be sent to sponsors in the advanced paid program asking for financial support of their student.

-In addition, Los Ninos may be willing to fund this program.

-Students need to be evaluated on a regular basis and this performance feedback will be communicated to each sponsor and the Board.

Lindblom is concerned about the many other deserving students not able to be in the paid program and he will work with Yarnell, Jose and Jackson to resolve this issue through local and sponsored financial support. A motion was made by Moe and seconded by Albright.

2. NEW BUSINESS

The nominating committee chose to nominate Steve Leighton, a retired board member, as President for 1 year.

Lindblom will stay on for 1 more year. Carol Romain will have a 2 year term.

Yarnell is leaving the board. Thank you very much Sheila for your dedication and hard work to this group. We are sorry to see you leave the board but are confident of your continuence as a superior English teacher.

A motion was made to accept these nominations by Lindblom and seconded by Moe.

The selection committee will deal with a Vice President nominee at the next board meeting as well as board member terms.

Schedule next BOD meeting/conference call May 9, 2013 at 9:00 am Central Time ??

The meeting adjourned with a motion from Steve Leighton and seconded by Albright.