

Children's Shelter of Hope Foundation
March 16, 2005 Board Meeting Minutes
4:00 P.M. at Jim's condo
Calle Matamoros 431 #3
Puerto Vallara, Jalisco, MX

Present: Jim Boland, Chris Amo & Amy Welch. **Absent:** Carmen Berkowitz. A quorum was declared.

Meeting called to order by Chris Amo at 4:10pm.

Review of the Agenda: No changes suggested

President's Report:

1. Chris discussed the possible formation of a Canadian sister foundation possibly directly connected with our Board. Bill Welch and Anne-Marie are beginning to communicate about the technical aspects of this.
2. Chris reported that we have a couple of dentists from Idaho who would like to do work on our children, Madres, and neighborhood children on April 22 and 23. Chris will work with them on scheduling, set-up, charts, etc. as well as help them possibly to see people in Quimixto/Pisota or in La Cruz on April 25.
3. Good contacts were made with some of our major donors at or around the Fundraising event this year.
4. Potential field trip for this spring and summer were discussed. Funding is currently available through the sale of notecards.
5. It was agreed that we will set up a special account at Lloyds for depositing Foundation money until it is able to be transferred to the Portland account. There will be several co-signers from our Board for this account and the account will be set up in the name of Children's Shelter of Hope Foundation. Chris is working on the paperwork now.
6. Medical needs for several children were also discussed.

Treasurer's Report:

No report was available at this time. When Amy returns to Portland she will ask Bill to send one out. It was estimated by Chris that we have approximately \$11,000 UD in our account.

Priority Projects for next few months:

Target projects from the Foundation for immediate funding were discussed:

- ❖ Construction needs – possibly gates and beginning work on perimeter fencing
- ❖ Medical and dental needs – much covered here with free services or money from Compassion4 Kids.
- ❖ Bathroom remodel project and additional cabinets, etc – funded mainly by Linda Matties-Jacobs money
- ❖ Possibly fund a need at Yolanda's Place – maybe something like diapers for a month. Jim and Chris will investigate this and other outreach projects.

Next newsletter and email update:

Chris would like to see another email update out to our 300+ friends of the Refugio immediately. Suggests for this included follow up information on the Fundraising event, field trip info. and current projects in need of funds.

In addition, a newsletter should go out by the end of March or first of April. Board members were encouraged to submit articles. Jim is willing to interview Madre Lupita and write something about the garden. Other suggested articles included a feature “typical day at the Refugio” article, something on recent field trips, medical concerns, and wish lists for donors.

New Board members/ Election of officers:

No potential Board members attended this meeting. Chris will write a one page “recruiting” letter about the Foundation for potential candidates. Chris was reelected as President, Amy as Secretary/ Treasurer, and Jim was elected as Vice President of our Board.

Next meeting:

No specific date was selected. However, a meeting in late April may be possible for some Board members or a telecommunications meeting may be done later in the Spring. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:45 pm.