

Navy League - Puerto Vallarta Chapter
Meeting-April 7, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Jeff Miltenberger with 32 members and guests present.

Jeff remembered Bill Clark, Dale Hansen and Jerry and Ann Lafferty who have recently lost family and friends.

Guests in attendance were:

Robert McAlpine of Michigan

Lea Buburuz, of Surrey, BC, Canada

Dennis Rike, of Puerto Vallarta American Legion

Mention was made that some members are not getting their e-mail; problem is being worked on. Bill Semeyn offered to take over the data base during J.Miltenberger's summer absence.

Minutes of last meeting were approved with the following correction: the 5,000 pesos from the Flamingos Golf Club is being changed to 15,000 pesos.

J. Lafferty approved, Bunny Ribbs seconded; passed as amended.

Treasurer Jim Brophy reported a balance of 72,300 pesos with 37,000 pesos committed to playground, resulting in a balance of approximately 35,000 pesos. Approved: Cal Leavitt; Seconded: J Lafferty with a request to identify the account to indicate Toys for Tots monies.

OLD BUSINESS

Social Laura Joachin reported a net of 15,000 pesos from the fundraiser at Genius of Paco for the visiting Mariner's Fund. There was a good article with photos in this week's Tribune on this fund raiser.

Playground Fred Piontkowski, site engineer, reported one jumbo playground unit is due to be installed at Las Mojoneas playground by 4/30 - Day of the Child; 12 extra flexible vinyl seats were purchased and will become the standard on all future playground equipment ordered.

J Lafferty suggested that refurbishing the old playground at Las Mojoneas might make a good future ComRel project.

Kelly Trainor suggested Bahia de Banderas as a possible next playground site.

Golf Balls: It was reported that the issue regarding tax free status of the sale of the golf balls has been resolved. Proceeds are 15,000 pesos for 10,000 balls.

Toys for Tots: Norm Yellowlees and Bill Semeyn reported on the delivery of recognition awards to local donors.

Fred asked if some of the remaining "Toys for Tots" toys could be given at the Las Mojoneas installation ceremony. Jeff will check when inventory is consolidated. Remaining toy distribution will be overseen by Kelly Trainor.

Community Service (ComRel)

Cal Leavitt (took over for Bill Clark) reported that 14 Coasties from the U.S. CGC Hamilton did a great job painting the Jose Baumgarten School in Las Mojoneas, followed by an enjoyable lunch with Navy League members.

Bill Semeyn was thanked for the use of his truck and members who participated in the ComRel were also thanked.

Captain Vince DeLaurentis of the Hamilton is an old friend to Navy League; this was his third visit to PV. He says the crew loves coming, and he hopes to bring his ship back 2 more times while he is captain.

Ceiling and roof painting at the school will hopefully be completed by a future ComRel.

Bunny Ribbs is working on identifying a storage site for ComRel materials.

U.S.C.G. Buoy Tender Aspen paid a brief visit to Puerto Vallarta but no ComRel was set up as they had just done a large ComRel in LaPaz.

Lost At Sea Statue help from a former city official has been solicited in locating the statue.

Membership Cards Norm Yellowlees asked help in getting membership cards to members not here to pick them up.

Restaurant Discounts An updated list of 20 participating restaurants offering discounts to visiting ships' crews and Navy League members was distributed. It was suggested that the list be compared to IFC's discount list and to the approximately 150 donors on the Toys for Tots list for possible additions.

Donna Feldman asked for a preprinted NL info letter and a form to be used when soliciting restaurants for possible participation in this program.

Social Committee: Boco Bento in Mismaloya is interested in hosting a future Navy League dinner with four courses and wines (possible transportation available). It was suggested an afternoon might be best for this.

Teatro Limon was also mentioned as a possible choice, realizing that Bruce, the owner, is very theatrical - which may or may not have appeal to members.

NEW BUSINESS

Festival Altruismo May 24, 2009

J.Lafferty reported that the requirements for N.L. to participate again in this popular festival/money raising event sponsored by the Marriott and Kelly Trainor are:

- 2 volunteers needed to help with set-up
- NL members to man our booth all day to pass out Toys for Tots info
- Sale of at least 50 tickets at 300 pesos each

24 participating charities will divide the proceeds.

Members will be needed to sell tickets and to distribute promo literature to local restaurants. Bill Clark & Judy Sorrel were NL coordinators last year.

J Lafferty proposed we put together a 3 fold color brochure to use for this and many future purposes. Over the summer Jerry and Ann will work on this project.

Politics Laura Joachin led a discussion on the current issue of aliens needing INM's endorsement for volunteering in jobs where any type of remuneration is included.

Publicity The principal of Las Mojoneas School is planning to write an article for the Mexican local press about the recent Com Rel.

American Legion Chaplain Jay Sadler told NL members about their 5-day a week Day Care project for 25-30 handicapped PV kids. It is located in Pitillal. They also have a used clothing store there that accepts donations. Steve, of Steve's Sports Bar on Basilio Badillo is co-chair of this project. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Fran Chapman