

Navy League Minutes 3 March 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Jeff Miltenberger and guests were welcomed: Pierre Dudemaine, Richard Unruh, Dario Savio, Bob Lukanchoff, and George Evely

The minutes were approved as amended to reflect the fact that Sue Fornoff provided coverage of the Toys for Tots Distribution Day in the English newspapers.

Treasurer: Jim Brophy reported a balance of \$136,549 pesos in the bank. The Gourmet dinner at Trio's netted 14,400 pesos with 50 people attending.

Toys for Tots:

Playgrounds: Kelly Trainor has been involved in getting the right people together to install our recognition plaque at the playground in Nayarit. For the next playground, Bill Clark said it would be great if funds available could be confirmed, with all the politics, paperwork and installation done by Children's Day on April 30th.

Fred Piontkowski reported that a deal is in process with one of the local clubs for the Range Golf Balls willed to us by Taylormade. When consummated, we will receive \$5000 pesos.

All leftover toys were called for. Jim Brophy and Bill Clark reported that they have some. If anyone else does, please contact Jeff. The Marriott and Kelly Trainor will distribute to needy children.

Navy League Discounts: Bill Semeyn reported that a list of enterprises willing to give discounts would be available by the next meeting. He displayed a mock up of the proposed plaque with the idea that, on the back, the IDs of who is eligible would be displayed. His team of helpers consists of Norm Yellowlees, Donna Feldman, Bunny Ribbs, Clemente Celis and Bob Dhamer.

Comrels: Bill Clark confirmed the next Comrels would be at Las Mojoneiras, followed by Feminil. The school at Nogalitos is a future possibility. We ask the places being painted to supply the paint. Bill solicited donations of any paint supplies people may have available.

We have unconfirmed news that a "718 Coast Guard" ship would be visiting Vallarta in early March. We need to keep having more fundraisers to enable us to entertain the Comrel attendees and buy supplies. Bunny Ribbs and Jeff have been scouting storage possibilities for our equipment with no firm commitments so far. The best restaurant for "after-Comrel" was discussed with Mauricio's and La Noria in the running. La Noria wins on price, but loses on bathrooms. Since funds are low, it was strongly suggested that members pay their own way at the "after-Comrel" events otherwise we may have to restrict the number of member attendees.

Three Mariners statue: no new reports on the whereabouts of the statue that disappeared when the Malecon parking lot was constructed.

Gourmet Dinner Event: Irv Readerman and Bernard from Trios were thanked for putting together the superb affair.

Sea Service Interface: Jeff received personal thanks from Comandante Garcia Rodriguez for attending the Carnaval at the Mexican Navy Base. It was a very late evening ending with Jeff leaving at 3AM.

The Comandante will be invited to the Regatta event at the Yacht Club in Nuevo Vallarta starting March 17th.

Warren Johnson reported that there are no "Handclasp" materials at the San Diego Naval Base awaiting carriage. He reviewed the Club de Club procedures established 10 years ago. Dr Peter Gordon is in charge of managing the process which includes procedures necessary to deliver items to the Naval Base in the US ; and, at this end, Customs clearance and distribution of items to the proper beneficiaries.

Toys for Tots 2009-2010: Jeff has received little response to his request for volunteers for the list of jobs he published. He encourages all to sign up early for the areas they are interested in. It is an enormous effort that requires the participation of many.

Social Activities: Laura Joachin and Gail Rudin are meeting to refine a fund raiser idea for the month of March. Perhaps it would be a chance to bring potential new members.

Boca Bento Restaurant in Mismaloya was mentioned as a possible next site for a Fund Raiser.

Immigration Issues and Volunteers: stay tuned for more information on what happens at the meeting to be held at the IFC on March 4th. Alejandro Sandoval and Kelly Trainor will preside.

Public Relations: Sue Fornoff was recognized for her PR efforts on our behalf. Gail Rudin said she could also help in some ways on PR. Sally Miltenberger reminded that it would be nice to get coverage of the Comrels coming up.

Other Reports: Bud Palmer, based on his personal experience, reminded all that people need to take command of their own health situations and get prepared for what they would do if a health crisis occurs. Pam Thompson was suggested as a good source of information on any health matters.

Jeff announced that a Navy League member would need blood mid-March and gave the requirements for giving.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10PM.

Ann Lafferty, Secretary of the Day