

**MINUTES OF THE 2020
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
OF THE FRIENDS OF ACAPULCO**

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22nd., 2020

**BALLROOM “MAGALLANES”
THE ELCANO HOTEL
ACAPULCO, MEXICO**

A forty-five minute welcome cocktail reception was offered prior to this 2020 Annual Membership Meeting, and during this time members deposited their dues for 2020. At 6:00 PM, Marilú Baca called the Board of Directors and members to take their seats and called to order to the Sixtieth General Membership Meeting of The Friends of Acapulco.

WELCOME MESSAGE OFFERED BY THE PRESIDENT

Mrs. Marilú Baca started the meeting by first of all, thanking all attendees; and she mentioned that it has been 14 years since she became the President of this great Association and that it was time to pass the post to a younger person to take care

and direct the course of this Association.

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She continued by asking for a minute of silence for two great men who passed away early this year:

Reverend Father Angel and Mr. Curtis Lowell.

Thereafter, she assigned Susy Estrada as the teller of the meeting saying that Susy kindly donates her time for this purpose and thanked Susy for her cooperation.

VERIFICATION OF QUORUM

The teller started by giving a welcoming salutation to all and reported that in the 60th. annual meeting, the quorum was met with 24 members present out of a total of 130 members. She informed that the Organization's bylaws establish that a minimum of 10% of the members are required to consider it as an official meeting.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The teller Susy Estrada, informed that the proposed agenda was displayed on the screen, and she asked the members to study it in order to adopt it or to propose additions or changes to it.

After the time given, the teller called for a motion and the agenda was unanimously approved as proposed.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF LAST YEAR'S MEETING

The teller reported that the Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, January 23rd., 2019 were mailed to all members together with the proxy and the Call for this sixtieth Annual Meeting.

Susy invited all to make any comments regarding the minutes from last year's meeting.

As there were no comments, She requested for adoption of the minutes from last year's annual meeting by a show of hands. Members present approved them.

She then thanked everyone for their kind attention.

REFLECTIONS FROM THE PRESIDENT

A) ORPHANAGE FUNDING COMMITTEE

_____ Mrs. Baca reported that the Homes received the yearly donations as follow:

1. SALVATION ARMY HOME

40 Children

\$8,340.00 US DLLS

This funding was used for:

➤ Water proofing the roof of the chapel.

1. ACAPULCO CHILDREN'S HOME

55 children

This year's donation was anticipated in the year before, and it was used to knock down the pending last structure of the old buildings. If all remember, in 14 years we have contributed to have two buildings, one for girls and one for boys.

1. MARSH CHILDREN'S HOME

65 Children

\$5,000.00 US DLLS.

➤ This funding was used to water proof the whole roof of the Home.

1. AMANC (CANCER CHILDREN'S HOME)

105 PERSONS AVERAGE PER YEAR CONSIDERING CAREGIVERS

\$2,542.00 US DLLS.

This funding was used for:

➤ Cleaning supplies

➤ Self-esteem sessions for children, caregivers and relatives

1. VIDA ABUNDANTE HOME

15 Children

\$2,175.00 US DLLS

This funding was used for:

➤ **Fans, mattresses, books, sheets and tables.**

We adopted this Home because San Juan Eudes closed the Home last year.

1.FATHER ANGEL'S HOME

We are not allowed (the by-laws) to help them now since they lost their deductibility; so we are waiting for the people involved to advise us once they recuperate it.

A) CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Mrs. Baca informed that more than 250 children enjoyed all the rides in “El Rollo” Water Park on Children’s Day. The children mingled together even though they were from different homes. El Rollo offered a 50% discount on the entrances and special prices for the food.

El Rollo also gives the Homes, the opportunity to bring food, cakes, beverages as the children had day-passes from 10am to 6pm; it was a great day for them as it is not that easy for kids to have the opportunity to enjoy these kind of facilities due to its high cost.

B)FREE MEDICAL CARE & MEDICINES

FOR ORPHANAGES

The President reported that The Friends continue operating the medical service and medication supply for the children who reside at our Homes.

During 2019 medical attention was provided to 480 patients.

Of this number of patients, the most frequent pathology involved:

Dr. Orozco, the nursery physician, commented that, unfortunately, the main pathology that he encountered were: respiratory illnesses (high and low), intestinal diseases (diarrhea due to different causes), skin and related illnesses (nails, etc) mycosis, urinary tract infection pathology, seasonal diseases, trauma cases: fractures, sprains, dislocations, muscle contractures and others, such as scabies, psoriasis, conjunctivitis.

Dr. Orozco diligently treated all children involved and all fully recovered from these health issues.

D) SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Marilú reported that for more than 30 years Amigos has supported outstanding young people to continue and finish their university careers; trying to change the youngsters' lives.

Currently there 30 youngsters enrolled in this program, however, they need to achieve, every month, their school average which must be a minimum of 8.5.

D) 59th GALA DINNER

The 59th Gala Dinner of The Friends of Acapulco was held at the most unbelievable home in Acapulco, Casa Abuelo, which has a panoramic view of one of the most beautiful bays in the world.

Mr.& Mrs. Joe Palumbo accepted to lend their Home for this marvelous gala dinner and Marilu Baca, the President added her feminine touch to welcome graciously all aboard. welcomed the guests, together with Board members.

The cocktail hour, with delicate hor's d'oeuvres and a variety of drinks, was a time to enjoy talking with old friends and meeting new ones.

Dinner was served by the ElCano Hotel. The food, wine and liquors were splendid together with the musicians.

Marilu Baca, the President, thanked everyone for their presence and cooperation; and the toast was excellent.

Each lady who was there received a nice present.

This traditional dinner included both members and local society who are interested in improving the life of the needy children who will become the future generation of Acapulco.

E) SPECIAL DONATIONS

The President also reported that Prime Minister members Charles and Debbie Marlett have donated through the Clut \$8,700.00 US Dlls. in 2019.

Also the Crut left by Marie Slaton, rest in peace, was of \$7,400.00 dollars.

The customers of the OXXO Company made a great contribution throughout its stores all over the State of Guerrero and this generated \$9,900.00 US Dlls.

The Hotel Holiday Inn La Isla in Acapulco made a great donation of bedspreads, towels, covers and rugs for all

our Homes and we received enough for us and we also shared with the Homes the Elderly Brothers and The Shelter days of life.

EICano Hotel also made a big donation consisting on bed sheets, bedspreads towels, curtains and rugs; of course all of this was distributed among our Homes.

For the 10th year in a row, the APOYO ECONOMICO COMPANY (its employees) made an extraordinary donation of \$2,600.00 US Dlls.

F) CEMEFI

Mrs. Baca said that she was more than pleased to share with the members that The Friends back in April became a member of the Centro Mexicano para la Filantropía , or CEMEFI, where the plan is to be part of a national movement that has international recognition. This movement promotes and articulates the philanthropic participation, it is a movement that is committed and it involves socially responsible citizens, organizations and enterprises, with the sole purpose to develop a more equitable, prosperous and solidarized society.

She added that this participation will allow Amigos de Acapulco to be a stronger institution, and it will give us more exposure and visibility to all the projects and activities under our care.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

BY ALBERTO ROSAS

1. Mr. Rosas greeted everyone and stated that the Treasurer's Report was posted on the screen, but that if someone needed a hard copy, it would be provided upon request. He explained that Friends of Acapulco is not doing well financially speaking, and that if are not able to have more income (membership dues), unfortunately the Association will not survive too long.

The report was given in US Dollars.

Alberto reported that during the past year, (2019) additional income came from the Charles Marlett's and the Marie Slaton's Charitable Remainder Unit Trusts.

There were other miscellaneous donations which required receipts. One from the Copacabana Hotel and one from Apoyo Económico who gives a yearly donation.

He said that it is also extremely important to involve the local media so they can spread the "word".

PRESENTATION OF THE BOARD MEMBERS 2020-2022

OFFICERS:

Catalina García President

Ron Lavender Honorary President

Marilú Baca First Vice President

Donald Barth Second VicePresident

Alberto Rosas Treasurer

DIRECTORS:

Nancy Barth

Huguette Glushanok

Marcela Pérez Romo

David Grimes

The nominated slate was posted on the screen as shown above and Susy Estrada, the teller, asked each of them to stand by the podium. Mrs. Vicky Carlson kindly took the protest and asked them “Do you swear to observe and comply the by-laws of the Association of the Friends of Acapulco, Inc. protecting at all times the interests of the Organization in favour of the children in the shelters under our care”; and they all answered “I DO SWEAR”.

Vicky stated “we are confident that this will happen and, without no doubt you will obtain the gratitude and recognition of the children and of the Society”. Thank you ladies and gentlemen.

Marilu Baca called Catalina García the new President and gave her the deck asking her to protect and accomplish the by-laws.

Catalina received the commitment with much pleasure and assured she was very compromised and happy to be able to help in this marvelous job.

Participants applauded this initiation.

10. GENERAL COMMENTS

BY MEMBERSHIP

Susy, the teller, asked the audience to make comments to enrich the Association.

Florette Vasall made a remembrance about Acapulco and The Friends of Acapulco which was very well appreciated and everyone applauded and smiled about her spontaneous way for the story telling.

11. ADJOURNMENT

BY MARILU BACA

Marilu Baca thanked everyone for their presence and all were invited to enjoy cocktails and canapés donated by the ElCano Hotel.

Acela Tellechea Venegas

Recording Secretary