

Open letter to the Club Cruceros Board Members and club membership,

I have been following the saga of the theft of club funds from afar. Being in Texas, I have not heard any gossip or speculation, instead, just bare facts from board notifications.

Below are my thoughts and suggestions. Number 1 and number 2 are obviously hindsight.

1. Shoebox accounting is irresponsible.
2. The leadership of the club has been too trusting, naive and irresponsible.
3. In my view, it is unnecessary to have more than USD 8000 in cash for the club running expenses at any given time. The club should place a cap on the amount of cash they are allowed to keep on hand. Excess should be given to charity or spent on club activities in regularly scheduled increments (monthly?).
4. Suggestions for disbursement of extra funds not used for charitable purposes:
  - a. Free coffee and cookies 2 days a week (or more).
  - b. Reduce ticket cost for traditional events, such as Thanksgiving, St Patrick's Day, Candelaria and Bayfest
  - c. Purchase of club equipment such as:
    - i. Small gensets for emergencies
    - ii. Medical shocking devices for heart attacks
    - iii. Event tents
    - iv. Decent (new) audio/video equipment
    - v. Large coolers for beach parties
    - vi. Club transport for off-site events and field trips
    - vii. Rent storage units for equipment

In my opinion, we could all enjoy the club much more if we weren't such money hoarders. Give to charity and support our community by acting like capitalists! If there is less money sitting around, the possibility of embezzlement would be a less important issue!!

Respectfully,

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