

CLUB CRUCEROS BOARD SOCIAL GATHERING

October 29, 2015 at Casa Sara Ann

The purpose of this gathering was to discuss new ideas for charities; how to get more people to volunteer; possible changes to the social events sponsored by the club; and any general concerns.

The following board members were present: Gary Batha; Richard Tripp; Sandy Elterich; Brian Jablonski; Lynda Foster; and Shelly Ward.

The following guests were present: Terry (friend of Brian's); Sandy Moore; John Elterich; and Mike Rickman.

A couple new potential charitable opportunities were suggested:

- Abel (Sandy's exterminator) works with a group who help people (children and adults) get off the street and provide them a safe place to sleep and food. They aren't looking for monetary assistance but donations of blankets and food. After the Ha Ha arrives in La Paz an announcement will be made on the morning net asking for donations of blankets
- Martin (employee of Marina de La Paz) is working with 18 children at his church who are too young to qualify for help from FanLap. Martin is looking for help in providing Christmas gifts for these children.

It was also suggested we provide Christmas food baskets to the 3 families the Club recently helped with getting their children back to school.

Bob Walker had recently approached a board member regarding possible help from the Club in purchasing water filters for distribution to rural villages. It was suggested that Bob be invited to the next board meeting to make a presentation.

Gary and one other board member will deliver the pesos we have collected for Lupe. Mary Schroyer will be contacted to coordinate a date and time that is best for Lupe and his wife.

A discussion was held regarding chair persons for the various social events. Since each event has a chair person who is in charge, the consensus was that it didn't seem necessary for a board member to "oversee" all events.

A chair person is needed for the beach party in January.

At the next general meeting Gary will ask for volunteers to chair various social events during the year and also to volunteer to help in other areas. A sign-up sheet will be passed around for members to indicate what events and/or areas they would be willing to volunteer for.

Someone inquired if the Club was still collecting toiletry items such as soap, shampoo, etc., for the senior citizens' home. Yes, they are and the items can be dropped off at the club house and kept in the back room.

A box will be put out in the club house for people to drop in suggestions for movies to show on movie night.

A discussion was held regarding the problem with the outdoor lights at the club house. One board member volunteered to go to El Arco to check on prices for LED rope lights and will report back to the board.

It was also suggested the club look into putting a printer in the club house for people to use. It was mentioned there is a printer in the back room that someone donated. Someone will check it out to see if it works.

It was advised that all the materials for the Baja Ha Ha welcome packets have been copied at a cost of about 600 pesos.

It was announced that the beach party this year will be a charity event. We need to identify a charity that will receive the money from that event.

It was suggested we sponsor or help just one group of children at Christmas this year. After some discussion it was decided we should table this decision for the next board meeting.

The Thanksgiving dinner was discussed. The club orders 25 turkeys (8-10 kilos each); the club keeps 21 and 4 go to Casa Buena. If the turkeys are paid for the day before they are picked up the Club receives a discount. The turkeys are frozen and we must request they be defrosted before they are picked up. Gary and Brian will meet with Susan to go over turkey preparations.

A general discussion was held regarding the current schedule of social events and what changes, if any, people would like to see take place. It was suggested that maybe some parties could be done away with: beach party; Valentine's Day party; and St. Patrick's Day party. And maybe have a Puddle Jump party instead of the St. Patrick's Day party in March. It was also suggested we might have a summer/spring equinox party or a full moon party in March.

The pizza was delivered and no further discussions were held.