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Flying Samaritans

Mother Lode Chapter

Meeting Minutes March 5, 2024 – 7PM

I. Administration

- A. Call to Order 1902
- B. Attendance
 - 1. President: **Peter Le Lievre**
 - 2. Vice President: **Doug Wirzberger**
 - 3. Treasurer: Bill Hurson
 - 4. Recording Secretary: **Dianne VanOrder**
 - 5. Directors at Large: Sunny Sethi and Pam Polk
- C. Appointed Coordinators (attendees on call in bold)
 - 1. Medical Clinic Director: **Dr. Ilana Breen**
 - 2. Medical Clinic Coordinator:
 - 3. Dental Clinic Coordinator: **Dr. Charlie Arita**
 - 4. Optical Clinic Coordinator:
 - 5. Transportation Coordinator: Sunny Sethi
 - 6. IBOD Representatives:
 - 7. Membership Coordinator: Doug Wirzberger
 - 8. Newsletter/PR: **Justin Sherrill**/Ed Frye
 - 9. Facilities Coordinator: Rick Wilson
 - 10. Recruitment Committee Chair: Peter Le Lievre
- D. Lifetime Members: Bill McDavid, Bob Haining, Charlie & Mary Arita., Dianne VanOrder
- E. Other Members Presents:

2.2 F. Introductions:

Board Meeting Minutes: February 6, 2024

Motion to Approve: Peter Seconded: Charlie Vote: all in favor

II. Business

- A. President's Report: Peter Le Lievre
 - 1. March now has 2 MD's Tommy Saborido and Mark Wills, and 3-4 planes which is good news. Still seats available! April has pilots & dental but no MDs yet.

2. New MX entry procedures seem OK but must remind all March pilots. There are some new rules that don't make a lot of sense, like a printed design of plane seating, time will tell, per Peter.
 3. Mission Hotel has a new manager and provided a "new" contract, not honoring room credit from 2023. Doug has drafted a letter and we are liaising with Gold Coast and Tucson to agree a Rodriguez family contact. I will follow up regarding the state of our roofing with them also, as February saw heavy leaking in the medical clinic building, yet again.
 4. Vehicles: White Van replacement is heading towards small 12-14 passenger "school Bus" with a number of candidates identified. John Messner has offered to coordinate a Rotary Grant application (25% of cost). Dodge truck is in for service (new radiator and water pump in February, hopefully ready for March clinic. Money has been advanced for repairs. Cecelia is coordinating.
 5. Fit out of "garage". Now that it has windows and doors, Rick has offered to coordinate contract quotes for design and purpose of the garage. Interested parties should email me so that I can report back with a design. At the moment it is earmarked as workshop and ortho, however this may not reflect the best use of the space. Please share your suggestions./ideas for future use of this room. It should be more than a storage area!
 6. Painting - I believe clinic is now painted, however, if anyone has photos from February Clinic I would appreciate.
- B. Vice Presidents Report: Doug Wirzberger
1. Discuss letter to Los Pinos re: hotel discount.
Mother Lode, Gold Coast and Tucson are preparing a letter to the Rodriguez family regarding the cancellation of the contract regarding cost of hotel rooms, and opening a discussion regarding the compromise on cost v. the benefit to the Ranch and community that Flying Samaritans provides in free medical, dental and optical care for San Quintin residents, many of whom are employed by the Ranch. It seems like it should be more equitable and fair to Flying Samaritans.
 2. Discuss roles and responsibilities document. Per Peter, this is a "living" document that should change/adjust with each new volunteer who takes a position, many roles are shared and over lapping and that needs to be taken into account.

C. Membership Coordinators Report: Doug Wirzberger

1. Review March Roster 3 planes flying down; two MDs and staff to the medical clinic.

2. Review April Roster

Note: need mentor pilot for Bill Kane. Also, need MD for medical clinic. There will be a dentist from San Felipe also.

Doug would like to add a standing addition to the agenda for each meeting to ask each meeting participant to share any recruiting efforts they have made during the month. Hoping to foster that recruiting is something that we should all be doing.

Peter mentioned that ongoing recruiting is necessary and all should be a part of it. Dianne mentioned that she had sent emails to multiple former/current medical volunteers asking if they would consent to being on the Board of Flying Samaritans. She indicated that the Board seemed a bit "pilot heavy" and that input from medical/dental volunteers would benefit the chapter. So far she hasn't gotten any positive answers to her emails. She continues to try.

D. Treasurer's Report: Bill Hurson

Amount of gain for February, 2024:

Amount year to date:

Amount in checking account:

Amount in savings account:

Total Cash on Hand:

E. Correspondence Secretary's Report: Dianne VanOrder

1. Branson Makiyama has gotten full consent from the Eagle Scouts to proceed with his building of a "triage" center for the medical clinic. It should be available for transport May or early June.

F. Newsletter/PR: Justin Sherrill/Ed Frye

Justin is looking for photos from clinic volunteers. Ed Frye has set up a new FB page.

G. Medical: Dr. Breen indicated that the medical committee met last week and discussed resumption of medications from Blessings International. She has a list of needed items and will be moving forward ASAP, Dr. McDavid has consented to be the licensed MD on the application with Blessings

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H. Optical: Doug mentioned that Eric Shelton (the optician) was enthusiastic and very positive about the optical clinic in February. Peter mentioned that recruiting continues looking for an optometrist to run our clinic. He is flying to San Felipe next month and will talk with them regarding covering our optical clinic as well as San Felipe's clinic.

I. Dental: Dr. Arita stated that he has not heard back from a San Felipe dentist who expressed interest in coming to San Quintin to help with our clinic. He will continue to try to contact. Dr. Berrins has a friend who has also indicated interest in coming to San Quintin with our dental clinic in April.

K. Transportation Coordinator and Pilot Assignments: Sunny Sethi
Ed Frye, pilot: pax Gabriela Villarreal, Morning Waters
Peter Gordon, pilot: pax Mark Wills, Kelly Wood
Jake Speidel, pilot: pax Jim Cuneo, Kira Cuneo, Tommy Saborido

L. IBOD Report: Doug Wirzberger No report

III. Old Business:

IV. New Business:

Motion to Adjourn: Doug Seconded: Charlie Vote: all in favor
Adjourned: 1949