H.E.L.P. Honduras AGM – September 26, 2021

ZOOM meeting beginning 10:00 a.m. PDT

MINUTES

PRESENT: Mike and Brenda Balahura, Chris Dysart, Heather More, Chris Chart, Sheila Hart, David Morley, Gerry Warner, Rosemarie Jalbert, Mandy Hicks, Janice Sommerfeld, Gwen Telling, Darlene Kalawsky, Maureen Duncan, Bill Feyrer, Jean Edge-Partington, Percy Davis, Bob Westcott, Barb Penner, Elaine Beaulac, Sharon Docksteader, Faith Magwood, Michelle Parkin, Linda Frandsen

Lurvin Auceda (Honduras),

1) Introductions, establishment of quorum -**confirmed at 10:01**

2) Approval of Agenda, as amended

* **M/S/C. David/Mandy**

3) Minutes of 2020 AGM (emailed September 25, 2021)

* **M/S/C Maureen/Elaine**

4) Receipt of Financial Statement - - motion required by CRA

* **Attached to Zoom link**
* **Statement review: Income is comparable to last year for AYO; other programs’ finances will be discussed in new business; all income allocated for this year, as well as other income that was in equity based on percentages after admin expenses deducted; as a charitable organization we should not be holding a balance so this has been rectified through the allocation of money by percentages to our programs. M/S/C David/Chris C to accept year- end financial statement**
* **Reports of expenditures and receipts for monies spent have come from AYO and will continue to come to us electronically for now because of our inability to visit; we will ask them to tailor those reports so that they give us the information we need to keep our sponsors informed about where their donations are being used**
* **Mike thanked Chris, Heather, Mandy for all their work on the financial statements this year**
* **Global Grants are not technically part of H.E.L.P. Honduras so the finances for these do not appear in our statements; the grants are connected with our program in that they help our families**

5) President’s report - Mike

* **Attached**

6) Report on Educational Program – Lurvin Auceda, Educator in Tegucigalpa with A.Y.O.

* **Presentation in English is attached**
* **441 scholarship students (34 more than last year) 17 in University; 5 vocational**
* **81 cell phones purchased and loaned for those who don’t have them; 2 monthly recharges; this is how students receive their education; students do share internet access at each others’ homes**
* **Workshops on a variety of programs given to young people- comprehensive reading, study techniques, public presentation techniques, reality of social networks, sexting**
* **Comox RC and H.E.L.P. Honduras each donated $5000 for cell phones**
* **32- 12th graders doing internships**
* **Programs delivered to 11th and 12th graders on variety of topics**
* **Programs delivered to the mothers on a variety of topics monthly virtually**
* **Youth meet once a month virtually**
* **University students tutor younger students, workshops for mothers on sexual health, cancer prevention, exercise; writing manuals; website design for AYO**
* **2 university graduates with academic excellence – Functional therapy/ accounting and finance**
* **AYO receives photos of students doing their homework and copies of assignments; receipt of grades from the schools for all students**
* **According to the Minister of Education the students should return to the classroom in February 2022 twice a week and the rest virtual; some University students are in session now;**
* **Now vaccinating students 11 years plus**
* **Mike thanked Lurvin and the staff for all their hard work and said how much we appreciate all the programs and support that AYO gives our students and their families**

6b) Report on programs in Santa Barbera – Gwen Telling

* **Sponsors have received forms in the mail**
* **No water in the city and only partial water outside areas – situation still dire; some student money used for food due to flooding**
* **Schools partially open**
* **Computer used to deliver papers and computer courses**
* **Money used for equipment for vocational school**
* **Benefited from some grant money**
* **Financial statements up to date**

6c) Report on programs in Copan – Jean Edge-Partington

* **Sustainable agriculture in mountain villages – seeds, classes and instructions**
* **Working with International Project Alliance from Washington State – lead Anacortes RC**
* **Programs overseen by 2 people; monthly meetings;**
* **Includes mobile libraries for schools**
* **Created 49 home gardens**
* **Agency agreement in place with IPA**

7) **New business** –

1. update on new Global Grant for Economic Training of Women and Youth – Bill Feyrer, Victoria Harbourside

* **approved in early August**
* **financial literacy training for 105 women in isolated communities**
* **train women to set up businesses such as cleaning supplies etc – giving them skills to set up a business in order to supplement the money for their families**
* **online courses for women**
* **2 months into program at this time**
* **11th year, training women in different communities in business/economic skills**
* **Partnership with Victoria Harbourside and D5080 clubs (Rossland, Grand Forks, Castlegar Sunrise, Nelson, Cranbrook, Cranbrook Sunrise)**

1. update on Early Intervention Program – Mandy Hicks, Kelowna Ogopogo

* **did 4 programs in the past through global grants**
* **wanted to do a program in a new community for 175 children – RI turned down the Global grant; felt it wasn’t sustainable – mother leaders were not considered a sustainable point**
* **District grant approved – 75 students and mothers; up and running; started in July; have 80 children involved; held in the school; 40 under 2; 40 between 2-5 years; 75 have received initial evaluation and have been found to be slightly under developed; nutrition education is given; nutritional supplements given to students; 11 mothers would like to be mother leaders; 4 mother leaders from La Cuesta assist with the training of new leaders**
* **Mike thanked Mandy for her work on this program to give kids a head start for school**

8) ` Election of Officers –

Positions requiring election in 2021 for 2 -year term (incumbents) **M/S/C Heather/David**

* Vice-President : **Gwen Telling,**
* Secretary: **Brenda Balahura**
* Membership Chair: **Elaine Beaulac**
* Directors: **Sharon Docksteader, Elaine Ross, Chris Chart, Bill Feyer**

Positions requiring election in 2022 (incumbents) – President (Mike Balahura), Treasurer (Heather More), Directors 2 -year term – (Chris Dysart, David Morley)

9) Goals and Objectives

-need to develop a presentation that can be used by others to promote H.E.L.P. Honduras **-ongoing**

- Job descriptions for visits so teams are interchangeable **- ongoing**

- get a Director from United States Rotary Club for Board of H.E.L.P. Honduras **– DG is aware of this and she is going to try to assist**

- continue to work with District 5080 and Colville Rotary Club for tax receipt for US sponsors -**continue to work with District treasurer and Colville RC; presently no members on H.E.L.P. Society but we do have sponsors**

- **develop checklist/format for financial reporting from AYO to H.E.L.P.**

10) Sponsorship rates

* **Will discuss with AYO to see what education will look like next year and what the costs will be; if it is a blended year (in school and online) then costs may be higher**
* **$85000US still being held in our accounts to send to Honduras**
* **Holding off on changing sponsor costs due to the above; currently sponsor costs are CANADIAN- C$190/primary, C$315/secondary Tegucigalpa, C$265 Secondary Santa Barbera, C$370 Vocational/University, USA - US$ 145 primary, US$240 Secondary, US$280 University**
* **If we raise the price, can we sponsor more students? Does AYO have that capacity?**
* **Extra money can also expand our reach to those children outside the BECAs**
* **It’s imperative that we have total transparency regarding our finances when reporting to sponsors and making decisions on support costs**

11) Set membership fees for H.E.L.P. Society - currently C$25 ($24 tax deductible) or US$20

* **Used for administrative costs**
* **M/S/C Bill/Mandy**

**Adjourned at 11:32 M/S/C Chris C/Maureen**