

Minutes of the SCP Annual Meeting March 16, 2020, 7 p.m. Via GO TO MEETING

Present: José Marroquin, Chair; Gina Auel, Marcia Carlson, Linda Gentes, Stein Goering, Maggie May, Elizabeth Pflug-Froh, Marilyn Rinehart, Aaron Wunnicke.

Guests: Barb Duerksen, technical support.

The meeting was called to order by board president José Marroquin. Stein was delegated to conduct the meeting.

Minutes of last year's annual meeting - Read and approved.

Treasurer's report - 2019 Annual Report – the Gribble donation of course makes the balance look very good.

Expense	\$54,548
Coordinator	7,362
-	7,362
Event Expenses	150
Burrito Supper	150
Nicaragua Overhead	722
Transfer Fees	390
Bank Fees	332
Project Funding	43,889
Chacocente	43,889
U.S. Overhead	2,425
Postage & Publications	1,973
Services	380
Fees & Assessments	71
Income	\$78,316
Contributions	72,534
-	72,534
Event Revenue	3,703
Burrito Supper	2,142
Spring Fling	1,561
Interest & Dividends	2,079
-	2,079

2019 Net: \$23,768

President's Report - Jose read from a November 2019 article in the Havana Times. The economy in Nicaragua is predicted to contract further in 2020 in this 3rd year of recession, with widespread poverty, unemployment, and decreased purchasing power. More than 2 million people will live in poverty, with levels predicted to be \$1.76/person/day by the end of the year. The article said that internal and external factors, like worldwide recession would have even greater consequences.

#### Projects in Santa Teresa and Chacocente

2019 was a good year, thanks to our donors, supporters and our tireless hard working SCP board members. We are currently working in 6 communities in the area of Chacocente: Escalante, El Terrero, La Chota, El Papalón, La Poma and Aguas Calientes.

This year of 2019 we accomplish these projects in our communities:

...28 Latrines.

...3 Wells, 26 well covers, 27 well rope pumps, 4 accessories or repairs for the wells.

...Repairs for the clinic of La Pita.

... Bio intensive gardens for some families in Chacocente.

...Support for women that want to start or to better a business in La Chota.

...Support for 18 alcaldia workers.

We gave 47 water filters, 8 workshops to 8 health promoters, medicines to MINSA to be given (as needed) to the people in our communities, dental material to the dentist, food for one month to 15 community park rangers during turtle nest season in Chacocente, equipment for park rangers, like: boots, back packs, rain ponchos, flashlights, pens, batteries and notebooks.

...12 workshops of environmental education to teachers and students of 5 schools, 40 scholarships to students, 230 packets of school supplies to students, 10 months of food supplements for 230 Students, school materials for 10 teachers, like 5 acrylic chalk boards, books, and cleaning supplies for our 5 schools.

95 farmers were benefited with funds to plant sesame seed and Jamaica.

Support for a MOSSI station and the study of migrating birds.

We also did some projects in these communities:

Ochomogo: 1 Rope pump.

These are only some of the many projects that we did in 2019.

#### Vision for 2020.

\*To maintain income growth thru (donations, grants, gifts, fundraising activities etc.)

\* To start working with a new village.

\* To strengthen relationships with organizations like: (Fundación San Lucas, Paso Pacífico, Minsa, Marena, Alcadia etc.)

As the current president of the Richland Center- Santa Teresa Sister City Project, I would like to thank our generous donors, friends, supporters, Alma Susana (our coordinator in Nicaragua), our family members and especially our board members who help so much in making life a little easier for the poor people of Nicaragua. I hope that we can continue working together for many years to come in this noble cause. Thank you very much. Muchas gracias a todos y todas!!!!And thank you for putting up with me while I was the president of the SCP.

#### Committee Reports

Agriculture - Aaron - Statistics as above. Goals for 2020 to continue support based on requests of farmers. Use of urea has been discussed and will be supported, since this is necessary for the depleted soils in the region. Biointensive gardens will be encouraged. Fruit trees and a tree nursery have been discussed.

Health - no report. See the José's report above.

