

# THE CHILDREN OF FATHER CAMIÑAS

## MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DATE: Saturday July 21, 2023

LOCATION: 100 Montaditos, International Mall, Miami, FL

Meeting start: Approximately 4:48 pm

Meeting end: Approximately 6:30 pm

### **Board Members Present:**

Adalberto Socas, Julio Cesar Cespedes, Orlando Cruz, Manny Mendez and Orlando Arrom were present. There being five Board members present, a quorum of the Board was established.

Other participants present:

None

### **Minutes:**

#### **Ocean Bank Account**

Julio Cespedes reported that the Ocean Bank account was now open and ready for business. \$1,200 was deposited and another check for \$1,000 was received as a donation from A & P Electrical Contractors made possible by our brother Antonio Gonzalez.

#### **Application for Exempt Organization Status with the IRS**

Orlando Arrom reported that as of today our application has now been assigned to an IRS agent for review but the approval is still pending.

#### **Social Media and Internet Communications:**

Orlando Arrom presented to the Board the attached list of pages and links to be created for the website, it was informally agreed to proceed with this website structure.

#### **Statue of Father Caminas at La Hermita de la Caridad**

A discussion was had concerning the next project to be worked on.

A motion was made seconded and approved to request sculptor Fernando De Las Casas to prepare a contract for the Board to review, approve and sign. The contract will be for the sculptor to create a bronze statue of Father Caminas to be displayed at the grounds of La Hermita de La Caridad. Once the contract is approved the initial deposit must be given to the sculptor to begin the work.

A motion was made seconded and approved to set a \$20,000 target budget for this project. This should also cover installation costs. Any remainder may be used for other projects or donated to La Hermita, if deemed appropriate by the Board. Donors will be asked to make donations in three stages to provide funds for the initial deposit, the completion of the statue and finally the installation and unveiling ceremony.

A discussion was had concerning the methods of accepting donations.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to authorize Orlando Arrom to create a Go Fund Me page for the Organization. All funds collected there will be transferred to the operating account at Ocean Bank. Checks will also be accepted either mailed to the organization's office in Doral or hand delivered. The due date for the first stage donation will be the date of the next regular meeting which will be August 5<sup>th</sup>.

A notice requesting donations will be prepared and posted on the Organization's chat group.

The next **Regular Meeting** was scheduled for the first Saturday of August at the Miami Outdoor Club and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:30 pm.