

THE CHILDREN OF FATHER CAMIÑAS

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DATE: Saturday June 24, 2023

LOCATION: La Carreta Restaurant, International Mall, Doral, FL

Meeting start: Approximately 10:15 am

Meeting end: Approximately 11:40 am

Present:

Adalberto Socas, Julio Cesar Cespedes, Manny Mendez, and Orlando Arrom were present, Orlando Cruz was not able to attend. There being four Board members present a quorum of the Board was established.

Other participants present were:

Manny Fernandez Pupo, Antonio Gonzalez y Manuel Rodriguez

Minutes:

Following the agenda items set forth at the last meeting held on May 6 the following topics were discussed.

Discussion and approval of By Laws for the Corporation

Orlando Arrom reported that he sent a draft copy of the proposed By Laws to attorney Candice Balmori, attorney and daughter of Choripan participant Jorge Balmori who agreed to review them. Orlando set up a telephone meeting for Monday June 26 at Noon to go over the By Laws with Candice and Adalberto Socas.

Appointment of Officers by the Initial Board of Directors

After discussion the following persons were nominated, seconded and approved by all Board members present to serve as Officers for the first year of the organization June 2023- May 24.

Adalberto Socas – President

Manny Mendez – Vice President

Orlando Arrom – Treasurer and Secretary

Corporate Resolution for Operating Fund bank account at Ocean Bank

A motion was made, seconded and approved by all Board members present to open a checking account for the organization's operating fund in Ocean Bank. As provided in the By Laws each Director has agreed to provide an initial contribution of \$200 which will be deposited in this account.

The following Directors have paid for the initial \$200 contribution:

Julio Cespedes, Orlando Cruz, Orlando Arrom, Manny Mendez, Adalberto Socas

Antonio Gonzalez also contributed \$200.

Application for Exempt Organization Status with the IRS

Orlando Arrom reported that on June 19 he filed Form 1023EZ on line with the IRS to apply for exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. As of June 24 according to the IRS website, applications postmarked after June 11, 2023 had not yet been assigned for processing. This application cost \$250.00 which was advanced by Orlando Arrom. He also advanced the \$78.75 for the on- line filing of the Articles of Incorporation which we will refund to him as soon as funds are available in the operating fund bank account. Orlando has also allowed the use of his office in Doral as the official mailing address and meeting site for the corporation.

Preparation of Operating and Endowment Budgets for 2023-2024

It was discussed that we should have an endowment fund that would produce sufficient interest to provide enough money to pay for the annual operating expenses of the corporation such as annual filing fees and preparation of income tax returns without having to spend the principal.

It was also discussed that we will need about \$14k for purchasing the statue of Father Camiñas to be placed at the Hermita de La Caridad, we will begin accepting contributions as soon as the IRS approves our non-profit status, this will allow contributors to make tax deductible contributions.

Other New Items Discussed

Trip to New Jersey:

A delegation composed of Adalberto Socas, Julio Cespedes, Orlando Arrom and possibly Manny Fernandez Pupo will travel to New Jersey on July 31 to attend a picnic with other Choripans to be held in Old Tappan, New Jersey organized by Juan de la Cruz aka "Raulito". Each participant will be paying for their own travel and lodging expenses.

Social Media and Internet Communications:

A motion was made, seconded and approved by all members present to open a new chat group, a new Facebook page and a website for The Children of Father Camiñas to permit communications with participants and other interested parties about the affairs of the organization. Adalberto Socas and Julio Cespedes will be the administrators. Orlando Arrom will arrange for the creation of the website.

The next **Regular Meeting** was scheduled for July at the Miami Outdoor Club and the meeting was adjourned.