

# Los Toros Foundation – Los Toros Committee

*Report and Notes of Meetings of October 12, 2011*

*Espanol – Abajo.....*

## **Foundation Board of Directors Meeting:**

1. This was an official BOD meeting.
2. **Attendees:** Donald Kabara, John Gallo, Terrie Gallo, Judy Wendtlandt, Michael Haischer, Mike Weber, Lauren Leslie Hynan. Guests - Cathy Binter and Dee Schlecht.
3. **Minutes** - Reports of previous meeting were approved.
4. **Financial Report:**
  - A. Reviewed and accepted by those in attendance.
  - B. Donald Kabara reports that St. Joseph Parish is now transferring funds directly into the Los Toros Foundation account. They are reporting the specific purpose of each deposit to the foundation.
5. **Trips to Los Toros:** See Los Toros Committee Report.
6. **Projects Update:**
  - A. **Micro Finance** – Accounts with no payment are becoming up to date.
  - B. **Hogares Program** – Prestamos – The Los Toros committee is working and construction and cement floors continue.
  - C. **Sewing Center** – Sewing supplies and money for fabric are being collected to take during the October 2011 trip.
  - D. **SVDP** – making monthly donations, trying to respond to urgent needs.
  - E. **Liceo** – Word has been received that the students and teachers in Los Toros marched in protest to the government to complete the High School that has been promised for the past ten years and was started five years ago but never completed. Discussion was held of how we might support this issue while we are in Los Toros at the end of this month.
  - F. **Computer laptop program:** We have received many applications for laptops from Beca students. A training program to train proper use and care of computers to those in the program is scheduled for some of the mission participants going to Los Toros October 26<sup>th</sup>. We will be taking ten laptops to start the program on this trip.
7. **Board members input:**
  - A. **Dee Schlecht** has a special interest in linking the Milwaukee WI area with a student from Los Toros. She does this through books she sends to the village. She requested Board members and guests to be on the look out for such reading materials.

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# Los Toros Committee Meeting - St. Joseph Church

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**Attendees:** Donald Kabara, John Gallo, Judy Wendtlandt, Terrie Gallo, Lauren Leslie Hynan, Mike Weber, Dee Schlecht, Cathy Binter, and Michael Haischer.

## 1. MissionTrips –

A. October 26, 2011 to November 3 - November 10: A USB keyboard compatible with Windows 7 is needed. Working in/with Sajanoa needs to be added to the trip agenda.

**Action required by Don Kabara and trip participants.**

**B. Jan 4 – Feb 1, 2012** – Open for participants to join.

C. March 24 to 31, 2012: Terrie Gallo will work on a pre-natal program in Sajanoa.

D. May 23 to June 4, 2012: - YAME.

## 2. Succession Planning –

A. Parish Director Brenda Cline met with Donald Kabara to discuss her thoughts regarding the Los Toros Mission.

B. Cathy Binter was requested to ask the Parish Council to invite Deacon Kabara to a Parish Council Meeting to introduce the Council to progress to date and what is planned for succession completion. **Action required by Cathy Binter, Donald Kabara, St. Joseph Parish Council.**

C. Mike Weber approached Deaconate Candidate Scott Wiese regarding his interest in the Los Toros mission. He expressed great interest and we will follow through in acquainting him with our purpose and activities. **Future action required by Los Toros Board, Deacon Kabara, and Scott Wiese.**

## 3. Beca Program –

A. The Beca financial report was reviewed. Michael Haischer expressed concern regarding the account balance. It was explained that a large transfer to Los Toros had just been made and would be replenished. He cautioned that we watch our expenses and balance closely since costs have gone up and we want to be assured that we have sufficient money to support all the students with whom we made contracts. We need approximately \$23,000 US per year to support our present students if there are no further cost increases. We have also made a commitment of 8000 pesos per month until January 2012 to support the cost of a bus on Saturdays for students commuting from Los Toros to San Juan. Those present agreed.

B. Active students and their status regarding official grade transcripts and class schedules were reviewed. It was noted that there was positive response to the notice posted at Casa San Jose reminding them of their responsibility to do this in a timely manner in order to maintain their scholarship.

a. **Leny Altagracia** has moved out of Casa San Jose and **Yumaira Rodriquez Mendez** has taken her place in time to enroll in the present semester at UASD. Her schedule of classes was reviewed and the Beca committee will

Speak to her in regard to career counseling while visiting later this month.

**Action needed by St. Joseph Beca Committee.**

- b. **Jacques Pierre-Louis (Jacky) appeal for aid** to attend a university was again discussed. It has been determined that we would not be able to support him in a Santo Domingo university because of payment restrictions, extra costs to Haitians, difficulty with housing, etc. We will continue to research careers in which schooling would be available in Azua or San Juan, in which he would be able to obtain gainful employment, one that uses his talents and that meet his personal goals. We also need to research other expenses such as Visa renewal frequency and have an accurate picture of total expenses to complete degree. It was also noted that any sponsors of his education should make a long term commitment. His education pursuit will be added to the agenda of the October mission trip. **Action by St. Joseph Beca Committee and Donald Kabara.**
  - c. **A request for English without Borders**, a computer program to learn English, is still being investigated. It is felt that there are other programs that could be obtained that are less costly but just as academically good. **Action required by Michael Weber, Donald Kabara and Beca committee.**
4. **Mission Sunday** at St. Joseph parish will take place on September 16, 2011. Duties have been assigned.
  5. **Next Meeting** – November 16, 2011 - 7:00 PM
  6. **The meeting was closed** at 8:15 p.m. with the prayer EL PADRE NUESTRO.

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## Los Toros Fundación

### Reporte y Notas de Reunión del 12 de octubre de 2011

1. Esta era una reunión oficial de junta fundación.
2. **Asistentes:** Donald Kabara, John Gallo, Judy Wendtlandt, Michael Haischer, Terrie Gallo, Mike Weber, Lauren Leslie Hynan. Guests - Cathy Binter, Dee Schlecht.
3. **Reporte reunión:** de septiembre eran aceptado.
4. **Reporte financiero:** se aceptó y se aprobó:
  - a. Reporte de Septiembre
  - b. Transferencia de dinero directamente a la cuenta LTF de parte de parroquia San Jose – Grafton.
5. **Los viajes a Los Toros:** Vea el reporte de Los Toros Misión Comité.
6. **Los proyectos:**
  - a. **Micro Financia** – Trabajando para ganar todos los pagos corriente. **Acción requerida por Donald Kabara, Olga Vicente.**
  - b. **Hogares.** Progresando con construcción de casas de pisos.
  - c. **Costura** – Buscando para las cosas para tirar en el viaje de Octubre.
  - d. **SVDP** – Buscando para más dinero para medicamentos y cosas urgente. Ha y RD \$3810 para el SVDP de Sajanoa. **Acción requerida por Donald Kabara, Olga Vicente.**
  - e. **Liceo** – Estamos lista para ayudar en cualquier manera posible para petitionar el gobernó a terminar el construcción de edificio liceo de Los Toros.
  - f. **Nueva Programa de Computadoras para estudiantes** – Hay un nueva programa para ayudar estudiantes en la programa de Becas para ganar una computadora e ahora hay mucho solicitudes. Podemos traer cinco laptops en Octubre y vamos a comenzar el programa con entrenamiento con los estudiantes **Acción requerida por Donald Kabara e el grupo de Octubre.**
7. **Comentarios de Miembros** – Sra. Dee Schlect tiene interés para trabajar con personas en Los Toros para compartir información de cultura de Grafton.

### *Parroquia San Jose - Grafton*

### Los Toros Comité Misión Los Toros

### Reporte y Notas de Reunión del 14 de septiembre de 2011

1. **Asistentes :** Donald Kabara, John Gallo, Judy Wendtlandt, Michael Haischer, Terrie Gallo, Mike Weber, Lauren Leslie Hynan. Guests - Cathy Binter, Dee Schlecht.

## **1. Viajes a Los Toros -**

- a. **AME (Experiencia de misión de adultos)** el 26 de octubre al 3 de noviembre (a 10 noviembre para varios) de 2011; tiene once participantes.
- b. **Enero 2012 4 a 15 de enero de 2012** (extendido quédese al 1 de febrero de 2012).
- c. **Marzo – 24 a 31, 2012** – En planeando. **Acción requerida por Don Kabara.**
- d. **YAME – 23 Mayo a 30 Mayo, 2012** para estudiantes de universidad. **Acción requerida por Donald Kabara.**

## **2. Beca Programa -**

**A. Reporte Financiero** – se aceptó y se aprobó. Miquel Haischer esta preocupado de dinero disponible para becas. Necesitamos guardar nuestro dinero porque los gastos están creciendo. Necesita cada ano la suma de US \$ 23,000.00 para continuar el programa y ahora necesita RD\$8000.00 por mes para los estudiantes de San Juan – pero este está solamente para dos meses más y termine esta contribución.

**B. Habla de los estudiantes y sus reportes.**

1. **Leny Altagracia** no está ahora en Casa San Jose y ahora tiene Yumaira Rodriguez Mendez y nos vamos a hacer su contrato y orientación de la programa de becas.

2. **Jacques Pierre-Louis (Jacky)** - Estamos trabajando para ayudar a ayudar esta persona como un caso especial. Tiene varios dificultades con viviendo, transporte. Necesitamos determinar juntos con el que es la manera mejor para ayudar y que universidad y carera esta mejor para él. También necesita clarificar cosas de su visa y otros documentos. Vamos a buscar para patronos para esto caso especial. **Acción requerida por Comités de Beca.**

**Tenemos una petición** - para un curso de Ingles por computadora; estamos buscando para este. **Acción requerida por Donald Kabara.**

**Mission Domingo** – La fiesta y solicitud para contribuciones esta en día 15 y 16 Octubre.

**Próxima Reunión** - 16, Noviembre 2011 - 7:00 PM

**Terminar la reunión con EL PADRE NUESTRO.**