

**Avivara U.S. Board Meeting Minutes,
August 30th, 2012**

In Attendance:

Tom Friedman, Dave Craig, Dave Austin, Sue Clauson, Toby Piering
Attending via telephone – Gary Teale

Meeting called to order 7:50 PM

Approval of March Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes from the meeting of March 13, 2012, made by Dave Austin, seconded by Sue Clauson. Approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

Tom gave a brief overview of Avivara's financial structure and status.

Director's Report:

1. Staff is currently delivering mid-year supplies, and interviewing schools regarding needs for the 2013 school year. Eight schools are supported long term, six are supported on an ad hoc basis. One of the new schools – Instituto de Solidaridad in Patzun is a vocational high school. Our staff has been very impressed with the administration, and has donated welding equipment, and is looking for a U.S. school partner to help fund next years' needs.
2. Two visitors/volunteers have kept them busy – both from Massachusetts and who are working at el Yalu.
3. A team of nine visitors came from St John the Baptist, spent two days with Avivara, visited the schools and we should see \$1500 from the visit, with potentially more to follow. The visitors were impressed with Avivara and the work. This connection will possibly lead to a connection with the Covington Rotary Club.
4. Another church group from Covenant Presbyterian Church in Madison, WI was looking for help with a private school that had started in Santo Domingo, near Mazatenango., However, they have since determined that school wasn't viable, but they were very impressed with Avivara. They will recommend to their home congregation to divert the funds from the school to support Avivara schools.
5. Since March, every month has posted greater revenues than the prior month. A nice trend which we hope continues As of today \$43,000, last year at the same time \$38,000.
6. The truck continues to have challenges but is still under budget.
7. This year Avivara is providing an increased number of scholarships - 31 Jr/Sr high school (\$190 - \$410 year) scholarships and 10 university (\$425 – 800 year) scholarships.
8. Gary submits a request for an additional \$6,000. Rationale– additional repairs for the truck and costs of setting up and moving into the new facility. The board agrees this is an appropriate use of funds and authorizes the expenditure to be included in the 4th quarter distribution.

Fall Appeal – Ripples of Hope:

All agree the Fall Appeal Letter is good, with one minor change in wording.

Avivara Blog:

Tom follows the Avivara blog and Gary requests that we follow Tom's lead.

Addition of New Board Member:

Sue moves that we invite Toby Piering to the Avivara board, Tom seconds it. The motion is approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45