

Yucatan Presbyterian Ministries, Inc.

Minutes from YPM Board Meeting 12/11/02:

\*Meeting opened in prayer at Dalby, Wendland Accounting office at 4pm. Present were: Mark and Sandy LaGree, John Patterson, Kim Mitchell, Bob Eakin and by phone Rick Learman.

\*Last years minutes were approved.

\*Tom Cheney had pre-approved his resignation from the Board because of many things to do. John Patterson will write him a thank you note for his service and especially for keeping the YPM paperwork alive with the State during the years of 1998 - 2000.

\*The 2003 Directors are Ramon Celis (Officer YPM Mexico), Mark LaGree (Officer of YPM Inc.), Rick Learman (Legal), Kim Mitchell (Banking), John Patterson (Business) and Bob Eakin (Accounting).

\*YPM, Inc. purpose statement as taken from non-profit registry part 3 - statement 5 - form 990- EZ was read. YPM 2003 Trustees names were presented to the Directors and approved.

\*2001 Tax filing, 2002 Balance Sheet, Income and Expense (Profit/Loss) Statements were presented and approved. Also, 2002 Budget vs. Actual and 2003 Budget Statements were shown and discussed.

\*Mark presented many topics within the agenda to the members present for the purpose of later discussions and prior to calling board member Rick Learman, including:

\*Discussed that it takes \$30,000 to \$40,000 to upkeep the three ministries per year: Downs School, Hospital and Girl's Home. In 2002 YPM, Inc. did not receive and disperse enough and the difference was made up through Ramon Celis's personal income contributions. Ramon desires this to change, and we should not assume that this would stay the same for YPM, Inc. if Ramon would become ill or die.

\*Presented the Merida property consisting of a house and a facility located behind it, for the use of and in a variety of ways by YPM. Lease costs are \$6000.00 for the year 2003 and are to be paid in full by YPM, Inc.

\*YPM has 23 groups confirmed and 5 others possible for 2003 so far. Mark will be in Mexico until August except for Lani's graduation in May. He and Sandy plan to travel in the USA during September visiting supporters, and return/remain in Mexico from October - December to be just w/Nationals and learn the language better.

\*Conference call with Board member Rick Learman began at 4:30pm. Rick explained his thoughts that YPM Inc. is the US branch for accepting contributions and dispersing funds. YPM (to be formed under an A.C.) in Mexico is the Mexican branch putting feet to those funds in the Yucatan Peninsula. These two entities are to be identified together as one YPM, located in one property ownership, and a common mission statement.

A Home, School and Hospital are in Mexico, and are recipients from YPM, Inc. and all are in A.C.'s individuals names. Everything could become/is questionable, also creating problems for YPM, if Ramon Celis was to become ill or die.

Uniting these properties within the YPM organization would be best and most permanent by jointly owning them as YPM, Inc. and as a YPM, A.C.

Moved by Mark LaGree and seconded by Rick Learman to discuss with Ramon how to jointly identify YPM in ownership of a property for itself, and in the properties for the Girl's Home, Down's School and Presbyterian Hospital by the year end 2003. Motioned carried unanimously.

Rick Learman added that these A.C.'s would work rent free always and be supported through YPM Inc. financially.

\*Discussed Corporate organization operational planning, policies and procedures: Centralizing collection of monies for Home, School and Hospital and allocations were discussed. Ramon is doing all of this now in Mexico and there is not sufficient accounting at present for the Internal Revenue Service. The Work Projects invoicing and timing of collections of these funds was also discussed. It was agreed that an operational general fund be used.

From the discussions the following motions were presented.

Moved by Kim Mitchell and seconded by Rick Learman that ALL financial support, sponsorship, scholarships, work projects, donations: personal or institutional, MUST go through YPM Inc. in Ouray, Colorado. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Rick Learman and seconded by Kim Mitchell that the Board of Trustees endorse buying a vacant piece of property in Mexico, centrally located, to be owned by YPM Inc. and YPM Mexico for use as a home base of operation for YPM.

Moved by Kim Mitchell and seconded by John Patterson that the Board of Trustees undertake fundraising activities for purchase of base facility.

Moved by Rick Learman and seconded by John Patterson that YPM Inc. also seek endowment funds to stabilize the future of YPM Inc. and YPM Mexico.

\*Further discussion on future YPM A.C. and it's funding and staffing. Agreed to focus on the funding and leave the workings of YPM Mexico staffing and financial budgeting of the Home, School and Hospital to Ramon Celis, it's Officer, as he has successfully handled this for years. All funding though would come through YPM Inc. as previously discussed.

\*Final discussion on that committees be formed, each led by a Board member seeking other volunteers to help fulfill the motions, carry out the agreements made, and to present/promote YPM through Website and printed materials.

\*Next meeting to be held during the business week of May 19 - 23, 2003 - the exact day/time/place unknown.

\*Meeting closed in prayer at 5:30pm. (ish)

Respectfully Submitted,  
John Patterson