OAXACA LENDING LIBRARY, A.C.

MINUTES BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

OCTOBER 17, 2024

Call to Order and Roll Call: Gail called the meeting to order at 11:00

Board members present: Mary Phillips, Gail Ament, Doug Long, Marirose Lescher, Ralph Gault, Jose Luiz Zarate, Carol Ringold, David Shallenberger,

Board members absent: Vivianna Ruiz,

Approval: Agenda

Ralph moved to approve the agenda; Carol Ringold seconded;motion passed.

Approval: September 19 Minutes

David Shallenberg moved to approve the September 19 minutes; Marirose seconded; motion passed.

Announcements

President’s Report

Treasurer’s Report

Setting up US bank account. Ralph and Adriana tried to set up

an account which we don’t have at the OLL. To open the account we supply the bank with a copy of our constitution and certified Agham minutes. David Myler ,legal representative, went to bank. David found out that we have an account but we can’t set up US account now. For USDs there is a balance requirement of 2000 dollars. A copy of constitution and original of AGAM certified minutes from 2005 and 1017 need to be supplied. The originals are in Mexico City with lawyers. After delivering documents it will be at least 15 days before we can use the account. The bank has the required documents.

Fundraising donations. The most recent contributions were $5. We cannot keep going this way. It is a good time to remind members what a good organization the OLL is. It’s not sustainable if we rely on three months’ money raising to take us through the year. We may be able to make it through the year by breaking even. Going through Covid we paid all operating expenses without donations. We tried summer talks but they didn’t offer much relief. The recurring donations are small now. The video library is out in the public sphere. That could be a monthly income. There are 12 videos available to watch.

There is a fundraising committee from whom we could earn some cash. If we promote advertising we could make more money but it isn’t out there. We have the availability but no one has marketed to businesses.

Old business

-Donataria delays and some progress!!

-There has been some confusion between notarios and registration 2027 and 2023. Marirose is following our attempts at getting papers signed and delivered

-Structural inspection of the terrace

Earlier this week there were architects measuring the space. The deposit was paid. We took money from the OLLF.

-Health protocol has been abandoned because of lack of interest.

Doug Long moved to approve; David Shallenberger seconded; motion approved.

New Business

Communications Committee Carol Ringold explained her visiting with Dottie Bellinger about Dottie’s work on the Communications Committee. Carol suggested we decide on what the OLL needs from a communications committee.

Ralph suggested we take part in the radish festival by doing outreach/communications,marketing.

Jose Luis suggested that outreach needs to work with communications.

David Shallenberger: What do we have the capacity to do.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee

Purchases in US

Book Committee would like to have all of their purchases through the US. Now, occasional purchases are made in the US. Technically those purchases are acceptable but there are sometimes too many of them. If we need to buy something that is unavailable in Mexico we can buy elsewhere, not necessarily in the US.

Budget Preparation 2025

Relationship with OLLF

The decision was made to bring all the committee chairs together. Perhaps have someone who has experience to facilitate the event. The event will be held on November 15.

-Discussion about library rates. “Reduce rate” discussion. Will be kept available.

Adjournment

Mary moved to adjourn the meeting; David Shallenberger seconded; meeting adjourned at 12:45.