

OLL Board of Directors Meeting August 12, 2021. Meeting called to order at 11:05.

- Roll Call

Board Members present: John Dumser, David Myler, John Burch, Doug Long, Lina Negrete, Suzanne Grant, Marirose Lescher, Abraham Torres, Jacki Gordon, Phil Schlak, Mark Leyes, Ron Grant, Jose Luis Zárata, Mary Phillips

Board Members absent:

Board Members late: Dottie Bellinger

Staff: Adriana Maldonado

-Agenda

Jacki Gordon moved to approve the agenda. John Burch seconded. Motion carried.

- Approval of Minutes BOD meeting July 15, 2021

David Myler moved to approve the minutes. Suzanne Grant seconded. Minutes were approved.

- Announcements

- President's Report

1. Committees need to be forwarding monthly reports to Mary for distribution to the BOD. Committees are where the work of the library takes place. There is a responsibility to keep the BOD informed. Board needs to be informed even to say that we didn't meet.

2. Roof repairs have been finalized . Thank you to Doug Long and David Myler and Adriana Maldonado for their efforts in this issue. The repairs were underwritten.

3.The Finance Committee is to be reactivated at the request of Marirose Lescher. It will be reviewing our accounting and finance practices to ensure compliance with Mexico practices but also looking to maximize our financial position.

4.Going forward my efforts will be concentrated on Governance as stated in the AC, relying on committees to manage their remits and contact the BOD for needed resources (financial or administrative) or assistance in resolving an issue.

5. As requested by the Board , David Myler and I met with Larry Ginzkey and discussed the HIO (Hoofing It In Oaxaca) program for this coming year. Very productive and Larry will be coordinating the hikes. We discussed limiting the number of participants and the number of hikes offered. The health situation in Oaxaca will be a key element of any decisions. All participants will have to show proof of vaccination and wear face mask in route to the hike location. Will need to have some kind of standardization for going to villages.

- Treasurer's Report

1. Available funds in the OLLF are a little over \$8,000 US including a \$4,000 donation..
2. Expenses are being managed and we are staying under budget.
3. LPP monthly donation was outstanding and has been paid.
4. The Finance Committee will be tracking the contributions made through "smile.amazon.com.mx" and will establish a policy that will specify our corporate purpose in accordance with Mexico tax laws.

- Outstanding Business

Fundraising

1. There have been sub committees working on various details of the Ensuring Our Future (EOF) fundraising efforts.
2. The campaign will be kicked off officially on September 6.
3. The campaign calendar reaches out two (2) months
4. Jacki Gordon is creating a template for the first email that will go out.
5. Jacki Gordon explained the purpose of the campaign .
6. What has been learned this year (Covid) is why it's important to have a reserve on hand to keep the library operating even without an income stream on which we can rely.

Action Items:

1. The Fundraising Committee will be asking Board members and others to be Ambassadors.
2. They will ask them to submit their own lists of possible donors they will contact
3. Little Green Light will be used to keep track of donations.
4. Training for Ambassadors/Board will be late August.
5. After the training, Ambassadors will be assigned a list of people to contact.

Donataria Autorizada Status

Marirose Lescher and Jose Luis Zarate are meeting the end of August. A report of the positives and negatives will be presented at the next board meeting.

Reopening Committee Proposal - Phase 3

David Myler moved that the proposal submitted be accepted by the Board.

John Burch seconded. Discussion followed:

- a. There was a general agreement that the CDC guidelines need to be taken seriously.
- b. The proposal presented that while in the library all will be required to wear a face mask
- c. The committee discussed requiring proof of vaccination but agreed that it seemed untenable.
- d. Federal/State/Municipal requirements regarding health and safety will be adhered to at all times.
- e. The semafor color system will also determine what changes are made as we move ahead.
- f. Intercambio ,Welcome to Oaxaca, Bridge Club, etc will be encouraged to restart following library health protocols

The proposal was amended to read:

- 1. All volunteers and staff will be required to monitor and maintain these safety standards.**
- 2. Anyone who does not comply with the safety requirements of the OLL will be required to leave.**
- 3. Group Programs that take place in the library, such as Intercambio, will not commence with this proposal but be planned for a future restart.**

The motion passed with one abstention.

- New Business

The Board went into Executive Session.

- Standing Committee Reports

Question whether the Events Committee should be sending their survey so close to the Fundraising committee starting the EOF campaign. The decision was made to move forward with the survey as soon as possible.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Dottie Bellinger. Seconded by Jacki Gordon.

Meeting ended at 12:31

- Next Meeting, September 9, 2021 11:00 AM

- Any member interested in attending the meeting via zoom should contact Mary Phillips, mbp89us@yahoo.com for the link.