



Oaxaca Lending Library

Board of Directors Meeting – April 24, 2020

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Roll Call

In attendance:

- **Board Members:** Jacki Gordon, Dottie Bellinger, Tanya Lapierre (acting secretary), Ralph Gault, Suzanne Grant, Ron Grant, Lina Negrete, Jose Luis Zarete
- **Staff:** -
- **Guests:** -

Quorum: Yes

Start Time: 10:30

Announcements

- Michelle McAllister (secretary) is caring for her parents and Tanya Lapierre accepted to continue to support the Board as secretary
- Next meeting is at 11:00 AM on May 14, 2020 via ZOOM conference video call – Ralph Gault to provide details for dial-in
- AGAM minutes and presentation have been sent for translation

Minutes

- Pending approvals



President's Report

Request for re-opening

- Requests have been made that we reopen the library, both to Jacki via email and via social media

Question as put to the group for discussion. Main discussion points:

- We did say indefinitely when we originally closed
- Whatever we do it must be in legal compliance with the government directives
- Remain silent with regards to social media comments/requests
- Agreed we should put out a message from the Board and suggested that the Board to forward ideas to Joan Harmon for the newsletter. Potential topics might include:
 - Re-assurance to our members (Financial, building, etc)
 - Ask members to send us a brief note about how they are weathering the storm and what are you reading?
 - Encourage people to share where they are donating (Jacki to reach out to Norma as well)

Construction

- Indefinitely postponed until further notice

Fall & Winter Programming

The question was put to the group regarding if we could/wanted to start working on our programming, Main discussion points:

- We have no idea how things will be different in the fall
- Question to Ron/Ralph/Suzanne L.: Do we want to be doing tentative planning for the fall?
 - There is opportunity to do some scheduling of activities but only very preliminary
- Larry is still willing to lead the Hoofing it in Oaxaca program
- Out & About program has no committee members other than Ralph and Ron: do we want to keep this program going and how do we get someone else to step forward?
 - Would we want to bring people together on a van before an "all clear" is provided?
 - Work needs to be done to establish a core group in advance of anything else
 - Ralph advised that he was going to call Karen and Jill to have a debrief meeting.
 - The board agrees with Ron that we should at least have a committee prepared.
 - Issue raised about timing of decisions needed. Reminder that sales don't go into the store until August, and Tanya commented that there is no requirement to put them in the store in August, they could be added as close to the event date as the OLL felt reasonable



- Ron thought that the In-house planning discussions will be around the same time, in August
- We do have some time to see what the situation is going to be and get together to make decisions at a later date
- Query from Jacki about programs related to impact on the budget – for now we are fine, after a year we will need to generate some income

Nominating Committee

- At this time we do not have a Nominating Committee. If anyone on the Board knows of anyone who might be interested, please come forward. Specifically, the Treasurer role will need to be filled next year and that is a concern

Other Notes

- If meetings continue to be online, we can discuss upgrading the ZOOM account to allow for longer meetings (not timing out and having to sign back in)
- The OLL cleaner has been going into the OLL daily, she has her own transportation and is not at high risk in continuing this work for the OLL
- Jose Luis advised that Libros Para Pueblos continues to work, catching up on backlog, working on their website, etc. He was invited to publish a short update in the newsletter
- Suzanne Grant said she would reach out to EnVia to invite them to submit something to be published as well
- Tanya spoke to the possibility of membership renewals being available via the Online Store, and that although it was possible, she, the President and the Treasurer had discussed and decided it was not worth the potential revenue versus staff training and internal administration at this time.