

# Oaxaca Lending Library Board of Directors Meeting June 13, 2019

Roll Call:     **Board Members:** Dottie Bellinger, Marcia Reddy, Tom Lockhart, John Dumser, Faye Henderson de Diaz, Oreen Scott, Suzanne Grant, Ralph Gault **Absent:** Jacki Gordon, Bill Pumphrey  
**Staff:** Adriana Pérez Maldonado

The meeting began at: 10:31

## Acceptance of the Agenda

*MOTION: Oreen made the motion and John seconded that the agenda be approved with the following additions:*

- 1. Planning for contingencies*
- 2. Building and real estate*
- 3. Further discussion of membership levels.*

*MOTION CARRIED*

## Announcements

Oreen is resigning as Secretary to the Board, stating that the very last meeting she will attend will be the September Board Meeting. However, she asked that the Board try to find a replacement as soon as possible.

When there is a resignation the Board may appoint someone for the interim, with a ratification occurring at the next Annual General Meeting.

## Acceptance of Board Minutes

*MOTION: John made the motion and Marcia seconded that the minutes of May 9, 2019 meeting be accepted.*

*MOTION CARRIED*

## Presidents Report

Siobhan coordinated the rearranging of books at the OLL, moving Spanish language books to the front of the library. The work went very well thanks to her organizational skills. There was some discussion regarding further improvements that might be made to the library.

David Myler is organizing a July 4 celebration, information is available in the eblast.

The OLL lease has been signed. Final documentation puts the OLL monthly rent at \$17,400 pesos, which is an excellent cost considering the amount of space and the location. Two separate contracts were required because the OLL is renting two separate properties.

Tom suggested that each board member take the time to individually thank Cathy Pikel for all the work she does as volunteer coordinator. Perhaps consider volunteering. Adriana will order flowers.

## Treasurer's Report

A written report was sent prior to the meeting. There were no questions. We are on track, the loss is better than had been budgeted. In August revenues begin to pick up.

Jacki Gordon has requested a workshop regarding OLL finances.

**Task Force:** To look at how we spend our excess funds. Tom will define the task force and time to complete. Task force members: Faye, Tom, John

## Old Business

**OLL Bazaar:** The recommendations from the Task Force were written into the Outreach Committee report. The Task Force recommends two piles and two bazaars, depending on quality. That bags be sold and filled instead of individual pricing, as per Margie's recommendations. Also the boutique is separate from the bazaars. The bazaar's to be held in November and December and the boutique to be held in February. Someone is needed to head up the bazaars.

*MOTION: Dottie made the motion and Faye seconded that the recommendations of the Task Force be accepted.*

*MOTION CARRIED*

**Membership Levels:** Tom distributed membership applications. A visitor fee of \$150 has been added. There was discussion regarding the family membership and the decision was made to eliminate the family membership. Each membership needs a form. After a lengthy discussion it was decided to eliminate the quantity of books each membership level is allowed to take out at one time. It was decided that the incentive to support the library would be the main reason people would be prepared to purchase benefactor memberships rather than the number of books a member would be allowed to take out at one time.

*MOTION: Suzanne made the motion and Dottie seconded that the membership application be accepted with modifications.*

*MOTION CARRIED*

## New Business

**Real Estate Task Force:** Tom discussed some ideas he had, perhaps buying a building, approaching the government as a possible funding partner, taking advantage of our excellent reputation. He had Dottie and Bill in mind to work on this task force and will send a written action item.

### Membership Levels

*MOTION: John moved and Marcia seconded that we augment the pricing levels of the individual memberships at Member: \$200 pesos, Support: \$400 and Benefactor: \$500 with book check out capabilities commensurate with levels. (5 in favor 0 opposed)*

**MOTION CARRIED**

### OLL Committee Reports

- a) Book Committee - no written report
- b) Communications Committee - no report
- c) Community Outreach - written report
- d) Finance Committee - no report
- e) Hoofing in Oaxaca - no report
- f) Educational Events Committee - no report
- g) Out and About - no written report
- h) Technology Committee - no report

Book Committee - Two big orders already this year. There has been trouble getting Amante orders filled. Orders consist of 30% Spanish and 70% English.

Outreach Committee - La Salle logistic process to improved communications, including a calendar. **ACTION ITEM:** John to send calendar to board members. Two goals working with La Salle, first, to bring into the library university program students by offering afternoon intercambios. The committee is Currently seeking speakers of French and Italian. Secondly, to bring La Salle events to the OLL.

The OLL is working with the Oaxaca Learning Center to bring three talks to the OLL. this will happen at the end of July and beginning of August. One talk presented by GES Mujer discussing stereotypes, another presented by Tecquio Juridico to discuss indigenous rights in Oaxaca, quite possibly the third talk will be presented by Libros Para Pueblos.

Should these talks be repeated during the high season?

Out and About - John presented the program tracks to the committee. Prices will remain the same as last year. Although Dead of the Dead was not part of the discussion, the notion of smaller groups needs to be considered. **Day of the Dead Task Force:** John, Ron, Tom, Larry

### Ajournment

*MOTION: Oreen made the motion and Suzanne seconded that the meeting adjourned.*

**MOTION PASSED**

The meeting adjourned at 12:30