

June, 2022 Board of Directors Meeting

Call to order

Jacki called the meeting to order at 11:06

Roll Call

Board members attending

David Myler, Mary Phillips, John Burch, Phil Schlak, Jacki Gordon, Dottie Bellinger

Board members absent

Marirose Lescher, Abraham Torres, Lina Nigrete, Peter McCallion (zoom link not working)

Board members late

Doug Long

Visitors

Larry Ginzkey, Bliss Wilson, Ralph Gault

Approval of the Agenda

David Myler moved to approve the agenda; John Burch seconded. The motion passed unanimously

Approval of May Minutes

David Myler moved to approve the May minutes; Dottie Bellinger seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Announcements

David Myler mentioned that the intercambio on Saturday had the biggest numbers ever. Fifty-Five people attended.

Jacki had dinner with a woman connected to Journey Women who had heard good things about the library.

Bliss Wilson encouraged people to sign up for the 4th of July event. More donations for the auction are needed. Jacki suggested some ways to add items to the auction.

Jacki met with a man associated with Education USA. They discussed the organization's work and Jacki was impressed with how the organization works in helping students who want to go to attend undergraduate and graduate school in the USA talked about things ways to collaborate. He will be donating books to the OLL. Jacki suggested that the organization could use space at the OLL to be in touch with people in the community who might be interested in Education USA's services.

Jacki also thanked the board members for coming to two meetings in June, one with the notario and our regularly scheduled board meeting.

Treasurer's Report – 10 min

Marirose is waiting for information coming from the foundation, so the Treasurer's Report will be sent to board members later and discussed at the next meeting.

Old Business

Facilities and design update – 10 min

Doug Long reported that the drain was installed at the bottom of the lamina roof. Some of the drains have been relocated to reduce the leak problem. Since that work, we haven't had a big rain so it's unknown how successful the repairs are. The committee is now working on a termite problem. The committee will be attending a meeting with all the stakeholders to talk about now and future design plans. The fan that is on the lower level of the library has been repositioned to move air more easily and make it cooler.

Governance committee - Donataria – 30 min

Jacki reported on what we learned in the June 6th meeting from Alfredo, the notario. David Myler moved that we do not seek Donataria Autorizada status. Dottie seconded. Dottie Bellinger explained some of the cons of becoming a Donataria Autorizada. A DA has to have at least ½ of its income from donations. We cannot use donated time. A donation cannot be for a service. It also turns out to be a lot more. We would be under a lot more scrutiny by the government, something that has increased over the past 3 years. It would put a real burden on the OLL.

The motion for not seeking Donataria Autorizada was approved unanimously.

Leadership retreat – scheduling – 5 min

We need to find a date. The 13th of August was suggested. In the future the retreat will be held shortly after the AGAM. The executive committee will work on this and come to the next board meeting with ideas for the upcoming meeting.

Larry Ginzkey, who has done a wonderful job heading up Hoofing It, was present to ask for guidance from the board. He indicated that there were three areas for which he was asking help: Hoofing It; Out and About, Day of the Dead and Cemetery Visits.

There was a good discussion about possibilities and ways to continue the work of all three types of excursions.

Dottie moved to create an Excursions Committee; Phil seconded. The motion passed unanimously. At this point the committee will be: Dottie Bellinger, Phil Schlak, Larry Ginzkey, Ralph Gault, Jacki Gordon. They will meet in groups and come up with ideas to be presented to the board.

Ideas to be covered by the Hoofing It part of committee will be, but not be limited to:

- transportation
- number of hikes per week

- hike leaders
- organizing the hikes
- choosing transportation providers
- getting more help to lead hikes

Ralph Gault, one of the organizers of Out and About, presented his idea of how that group would be working into the future. He and Tanya LaPierre are planning to continue of O&A, but not be in charge, of all excursions. They hope to become supporters of others who will be involved with the program and eventually turn the program over to them.

Ralph also mentioned that the Out and About would like to take over the Ofrenda activity at the library.

Board member responsibilities descriptions

Since only ½ of the board was in attendance, it will be discussed and voted on at the next meeting.

Slack

Doug Long noted a couple of committees are using it but other than that not many people use it. Doug suggested that there could be a session given to help people learn how it works.

Website

Jacki reported that it's coming along well. Tyler Van Hoorn and others from the tech committee are working on getting it usable, informational, but not didactic. Tyler continues to do great work. The store and the calendar are going to a new platform.

New Business

Children's programming

This program is not operational. At this time there is no teacher available. Jacki would like ideas for someone to take over the program. John Burch suggested the interns from the language department at UABJO.

Committee Reports

Most were submitted in writing and there was no discussion.

Welcome to Oaxaca

Bliss Wilson was present and reported that there are very few people in attendance now. Board members feel that nevertheless it is and will be in the future an important activity. The committee was encouraged to keep meeting.

David Myler moved to adjourn the meeting; Phil Schlak seconded. Motion passed unanimously

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35.