

OAXACA LENDING LIBRARY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
OCTOBER 16, 2025
Meeting minutes

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL 11:01 am

Present: Ian Hawley, John Hunter, John Dumser, Gail Ament, Bonny Weil, Viviana Ruiz Boijseauneau, José Luis Zárate

Present on Zoom: Carol Ringold

Absent: Abraham Torres Fregoso, Ralph Gault

GUESTS: Adriana Pérez Maldonado, Jeff Stewart, and Dave Iverson

IT Support: Doug Long

Welcome: Dennis Cagna

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Casa de Todas Partes exhibition

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER MINUTES

John Dumser moved to accept the minutes. John Hunter seconded. All in favor. None opposed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Día de Muertos: Altar, talks and tours. The altar will go up on the 27th. The memorial talk will take place on the 29th.
- The bazaar will be held on Dec. 14
- Elections Nominating Committee chair has had chats with potential new candidates but has not met with them. They are looking at 2-4 nominees
- The resident African Americans and OLL meeting is scheduled for mid-November
- Updated handouts on Intercambios and Niños/Jóvenes Adelante: John H and John D made a few adjustments.
- The city ordered terrace inspections of our terrace. Obligations have been met. Waiting on final approval from the municipality

TREASURER'S REPORT

- OLL can give donations to other associations with receipt of a Donataria Recibo.
- Request made to include year-to-date numbers along with a rolling budget in the monthly treasurer's report. John will produce a line chart.
- John D. reported on budget numbers for last month. Cash on hand was 19,700 + 57,000 = total 113,000 MXN, slowly coming down from prior months. We are hoping for a strong fourth quarter.
- We received a \$1,000 USD contribution last month.
- Year-to-date (YTD) expenses: -280,000 MXN, with three months remaining to cover.
- John reported that the annual limit on OLLF transfers as an A.C. is 180,000 MXN.
- Current total transfers stand at 168,000 MXN.

- We are required to file a report with SAT covering all transfers.
- Last year we had a strong December with a large profit, including some January sales
- The end of December marks the close of our fiscal year; the library operates on a cash basis.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

Donataria Autorizada

We were rejected and invited to resubmit. Work in progress.

Update from 60th Anniversary Fundraising Subcommittee:

(Jeff Stewart and Carol Ringold) Jeff Stewart:

- Our campaign runs through mid-March; dissolving Mar 31.
- This will be our biggest fundraise. Our covid era campaign raised \$50 grand.
- The library currently receives between \$2,000 – \$3,000 usd per year in donations.
- Donate if you can, and ask your friends.
- Terrace talk: Dave Myler will talk about the history of OLL. There will be pitches at the Christmas dinner with fresh material.
- We'll have another talk by David Myler in January. Perhaps honoring past OLL presidents Today we're at \$7,000 usd so we've raised 10% already!
- Donations can be made online from a link in Facebook that will be made available.
- Direct donations to the library in pesos avoid the transfers from OLLF.

Update from 60th Anniversary Celebration Task Force:

(John Dumser and John Hunter)

- Five teams are working on organizing events and bringing other people in. Health, music, LGBTQ, kickoff, and African Americans.
- Celebration runs from Jan 1 to Dec 31, 2026. We'll cover every month with one augmenting event.
- Our main objective is outreach to the Mexican community. Focus: Facing Toward the Future.
- Presentations in English and Spanish. Kickoff: Friday Jan 9 & Sat 10.
- José Luis will organize a student based calenda inviting schools, using costumes with book characters, posters with book quotes, puppets, music & readings in the street. We want to bring in people who currently don't have a connection to OLL
- We are working on a calenda description and a children's band.

OLL and Libros Para Pueblos

- OLL will need to have a social service volunteer in January to maintain compliance with LPP protocols.

- OLL will look for a university student. Minimum required hours are: 3x per week, 2 hours per visit, with a 500-hour commitment.
- The LPP annual conference is February 28,

Priority items from website to be translated to Spanish now?

(John Dumser)

- We're focusing on Facebook for now.
- Facebook and friends of OLL reach almost 4,000 people. Ninos & Jovenes will need more publication. Doug would like a digital poster for the website. John D and Adriana will follow up.
- We want to update the OLL website to include 2 versions: one in English one in Spanish.
- A motion was made to have a website subcommittee including Doug, Marc, John, and Viviana, reporting to the board in February. John D seconded. All in favor. None Opposed.

Spanish name of OLL: Biblioteca de Préstamo de Oaxaca?

Motion to approve by Bonny Weil, seconded by John Hunter. Discussion: Viviana objects that the name is obvious. Each library has their own lending policy. Specialty libraries don't lend out. A more sensible name would be: Biblioteca OLL. Motion amended to approve Biblioteca OLL by Viviana Ruiz Boijseauneau, John Hunter seconded, all in favor, none opposed.

Panel sponsored by David Shallenberger of Democrats Abroad to be hosted by OLL final decision? Not approved

NEW BUSINESS

Compilation of an OLL directory: Bonny Weil seeks board permission to codify members and vendors for a central library database. Motion by John Hunter, seconded by John Dumser. All in favor, none opposed.

OTHER

Bonny's posters for Casa de Todas Partes – approved and posted behind the circulation desk.

A motion is made to adjourn and continue the rest of the agenda next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Gail, seconded by John D. All in favor, none opposed. Meeting Adjourned at 12:58 PM