

**Oaxaca Lending Library, A.C. Board of Directors Meeting
APRIL 17, 2025**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL at 11:03 am

Present: John Hunter, Gail Ament, Teresa Cokl, Bonny Weil, José Luis Zárata, Abraham Torres, Viviana Ruiz Boijseauneau, Ralph Gault, Ian Hawley. Not present: Carol Ringold The board welcomes the new secretary, Bonny Weil.

GUESTS: Kate Hart for the Book Committee

Kate: This is the 1st time the committee hasn't had a board member on it. We will rotate as a group to attend the board meetings. Last report, 11,017 books came and went.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

none

APPROVAL OF MARCH MINUTES

Motion to approve by Ralph, seconded by Ian, none opposed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Terrace inspection has been done, some money has been advanced to the architect & engineer, they've done most of their job & passed it on to the city.
- Discussion regarding signage to delineate Libros Para Pueblos. Gail will talk to facilities and Adriana about getting signage up.
- AGAM (Annual General Assy.) meeting date will be decided in November
- Gail is pleased to have a new fundraising committee. Chairperson TBD. The committee hasn't formally met yet.
- Terrace talks took in about \$15,600usd in 2024 for about 50 events. Each event takes 6 or 7 volunteers. That's essentially 350 volunteer slots, and every volunteer spends 2-3 hours. A tremendous community contribution. Dollar-wise, that's about \$15,000usd for almost 1000 volunteer hours,
- The board plans on meeting every month in 2025.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The board the new treasurer, Teresa Cokl. General discussion on how to raise funds this year.

Motion to accept the budget by Ralph, seconded by Jose Luis. All were in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

none

OLD BUSINESS

- Discussion regarding online workers using OLL space.
- OLL Membership will be required for use of library facilities. The cost is 20 pesos per hour. Add this to the existing policy that teachers and lawyers follow.
- Motion by Abe, seconded by Teresa. Ralph opposed. No discussion.
- Digital workers: Linda Farthing's focus group end of February Discussion postponed until September
- Strategic Plan: a sluggish start Remind committee members to review the plan and get started. Feedback to be given by next board meeting.

OLL/OLLF

Set up a meeting for May for the two groups to meet.

Fundraising Committee

Committee members have been in communication but have not formally met yet.

Membership

Membership has gone down. Discussion of a membership drive, fees and duration. Children and students are free.

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Some changes required on the proposal. The board will ask for a clarification on our progress and what has to be done next.

NEW BUSINESS

Proposal to add membership to fundraising and promotions of short term discounts.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Kate Hart for the Book Committee. See above.

OTHER

ADJOURNMENT

Ralph moved we adjourn and Teresa seconded. Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.