

Agam Minutes 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Jacki Gordon at 10:47.

More than enough members for a quorum were attending.

Jacki welcomed all to the AGAM and explained how to participate in the meeting.

The agenda was presented and accepted by the members by unanimous vote.

The 2023 Agam minutes were accepted by unanimous vote.

A presentation representing who the OLL is and what it offers the community was made.

The core mission is being a library, a community resource, an advocate for literacy and community.

Our present membership is:

Total number of members: 1447
Individual members: 487
Family members: 196
Individual reduced members: 115
Life time members: 5
Short term members: 267
Youth: 12
Child: 147

The book committee is active and representative of how the OLL functions.

Some of the book committee's work is represented by:

Book and Author events which have excellent attendance.
Purchases of new resources.
Expanded Mexican history and graphic novel collection.
Raised significant funds through book sales.

Some of the library's highlights of 2023/early 2024 included:

Extraordinary GAM approving Donataria status application.

Intercambios and Niños/Jovenes programs fully functional.
“Writing Through” and “Writing in Oaxaca” programs.
Educational events, hikes, Out and About were bigger than ever.
Added security cameras and new computers.
Continued support for oaxacaevents.com

Some plans for things to come include:

Granting of Donataria status.
Creating an OLL endowment fund.
NGO synergies.
Canfro partnership.
Strengthen our volunteer program.
Recruit more committee volunteers.
Revisit our space policy.
Reinforce our civility policies.

A full list of 14 committees and their committee chairs was presented.

Treasurer’s Report

Profit and Loss 6-year Overview January 2018 - December 2023
\$MXN

2018: 126,059 2019: 101,795 2020: -440,465 2021: -191,057
2022: -70,496 2023: 92,318 Projected Profit 2024: 43,869

The OLL ended fiscal year 2023 in sound financial condition. With grants from the OLL Foundation, the OLL posted a profit of \$92,318 MXN. The OLL projects a profit of \$43,869 without the use of grants.

Budget Preparation Considerations included:

Collaboration with staff, finance committee, committee chairs and Board of Directors.

A reasoned projection

A way to maintain staff compensation above average.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted unanimously.

Nominations Committee Report

Two officers for the OLL were nominated and elected.

Gail Ament for President of the Board of Directors and Mary Phillips for Secretary of the Board. There were no nominations from the floor. Both Gail and Mary were elected unanimously.

Two Directors-At-Large were nominated and elected. Carol Ringold whose term ends in 2027 and Doug Long whose term ends in 2027. There were no nominations from the floor. Both Carol and Doug were elected unanimously.

The nominations committee for next year will consist of four people. David Brown, Larry Ginsky, Becky White and Bliss Wilson. The committee will decide which one of the four will be a consultant for the committee. The committee was accepted unanimously.

The last business for the 2024 AGAM was to know that because Gail was elected president, the position of Vice President would need to be appointed by the BOD at the April meeting. Any member who is interested in appointing someone to the position should submit that information to Mary Phillips, Secretary, and she will get that information to the BOD before the April meeting.

There was no new or old business to discuss.

The meeting was adjourned.

