

OLL Board of Directors Meeting July 15, 2021. Meeting called to order at 11:03

Agenda

- Roll Call

Board Members Present: John Dumser, David Myler, Mark Leyes, John Burch, Jacki Gordon, Lina Negrete, Suzanne Grant, Dottie Bellinger, Doug Long, Marirose Lescher, Ron Grant, Mary Phillips

Board Members late: Phil Schlak

Board Members Absent: José Luis Zárate, Abraham Torres Fregoso

Staff: Adriana Maldonado

- Approval of Agenda

Moved by Dottie Bellinger to approve the agenda. Seconded by David Myler. Approved unanimously.

- Approval of Minutes BOD meeting June 10, 2021

Moved by David Myler to approve the minutes. Seconded by John Burch. Approved unanimously.

- Announcements

John announced that Kathryn Bertelli has decided to step down from the Board. She continues to be very supportive of the OLL and of the work being done by the Board.

- President's Report

1. Committees: John stressed that committees do the work of the library and that committees need to be cooperating on issues. Communication between the various committees is vital. Since there is no Vice President John will be leaning on committees.
2. Repairs: The library building repairs need to be done. Due to financial constraints and tax regulations we are doing a fix for the rainy season. John, David and Doug have discussed it with Cipriano Ramos and his crew. They will begin work next Tuesday, July 20th. We will be sure to protect our collection and the people working at and/or visiting the library.

- Treasurer's Report

1. Net Income Actual vs Budget. The library is still under budget. The savings account has \$251,000 which is about 5 ½ months of operating funds. This points to the fact that our fundraising effort is very important. We need to get it started as soon as possible. We'll have to take a hard look at expenses to see what we may need to defer.

- Outstanding Business

Events Committee - Survey Monkey

The committee has no Chairperson at this time. The Survey Monkey questionnaire is ready and Suzanne G and Dottie B will work to send it out. Suzanne G has agreed to tabulate the results and present them. John stressed the need to start the planning of events for this year as we look to generate needed income. An announcement to generate some interest will be done by the Events Committee.

Bylaws/AC review

Discussion started with each person sharing opinions and questions.

Nominations from the floor at the AGAM. There was a concern about the number of nominations. Discussion around this concern centered on the idea that rather than expanding the number on the board, the person nominated from the floor would run against the person presented by the Nominations Committee. That didn't happen at the last AGAM. The Nominations Committee vets all potential candidates for any open Board position. Any candidate from a floor nomination should be ready to explain why they would be good candidates for Board positions.

Marirose suggested that the process for the AGAM is determined by the Board. It will establish the procedure for nominations from the floor. This will be published at the same time that the Slate of Nominees is posted.

The By-Laws could show that there is a limit to the number of Board members. Six directors and four officers will be written into the by-laws.

Election of President and Vice-President. Currently we elect a Vice President for one year and that person moves up to President for one year. Directors have no term limits. Term limits for all officers was discussed. Board officers could have two two-year consecutive terms. Directors have two three-year consecutive terms. This will be presented at the AGAM as part of the new by-laws.

David Myler moved that the By-Laws as amended in these discussions be accepted and moved to the AGAM for approval. Jacki Gordon seconded. The motion passed unanimously. A round of applause was given to Marirose and her committee. The board secretary will write letters of thank you to members of the committee.

Fundraising

Working on the video; will be interviewing people for that. Dottie Bellinger and Dwight Tuinstra are co administrators of Little Green Light. Dwight has loaded in some sample records which will help them connecting up the Paypal portal for donations.

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Before the next Board meeting Marirose will talk to José Luis Zárate so that we can have in writing what is required of us and make some decisions going forward.

- New Business

Reopening of OLL after Construction

Library was opened again on July 12 and browsing is now permitted following the process established prior to our closing for construction at the hotel next door. Health protocols will remain the same. All efforts will be made to keep the OLL entry clean and clear of debris. Dottie Bellinger will put notices on our Facebook page on the Website and see that it is in the eBlast.

The Reopening Committee is discussing the next phase of our opening process and will bring a proposal to the Board.

Health Protocols for onsite/offsite events

The Reopening Committee is developing a proposal regarding protocols for onsite events. Offsite events with transportation offered will require proof of vaccination and face masks to be worn.

Hikes at OLL - Structure of Program for 2021-2022

Discussion of whether we would change the format of the hiking program this year included John's suggestion that we leave it the way it is for the year and look at changes for next year. The idea that instead of two hikes a week the OLL could run one hike. Local Oaxaca companies could benefit from this.

Dottie Bellinger proposed that David M and John D meet with Larry to finalize the program this year.

Jackie Gordon suggested that we make sure that the villages know ahead of time so that it isn't the burden. After more discussion it was decided that that is usually done because of Larry's planning.

- Standing Committee Reports

The Volunteer Committee would like to honor/recognize our volunteers. During the time of Covid it will probably be an ecard.

David Myler suggested that the main meeting place for Board meetings be the terrace at the OLL. The Zoom option will also be available.

David M moved to adjourn the meeting. Suzanne G seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:13.

- Next Meeting, August 12, 2021 11:00 am.