

**OAXACA LENDNG LIBRARY, A.C.  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**AUGUST 15, 2024**

**Call to Order:** Gail called the meeting to order at 11:00

**Roll Call:**

Members attending: Gail Ament, Mary Phillips, Doug Long, Carol Ringold, David Shallenberger, Peter McCallion, Jose Luis Zarete, Vivanna Ruiz, Carol Ringold, Ralph Gault

Members absent:

Staff: Adriana

**Approval: Agenda**

David Shallenberger moved to approve the agenda; Carol seconded; motion passed unanimously.

**Approval: July 18 Minutes**

Carol moved to approve the July 18 minutes; David Shallenberger seconded; motion passed unanimously.

**Announcements:**

Gail mentioned an FYI. There's a grifter in town named Wendy Morgan. She left Oaxaca after taking advantage of some people by cheating them out of money. She's back in Oaxaca. She is a library member. BOD members were asked to be on the look out and encouraged to be careful about dealing with her.

A positive is there's a meeting about water on 23rd/30th starting at 4:30. It will be in Spanish with help in English. There is no cost.

**Treasurer's Report: June and July**

Since Marirose has been dealing with an illness Doug Long offered some information on how the OLL is doing financially. He noticed we are lagging slightly on membership...not much we can do about that. There are six or seven members doing

monthly donations. Doug emphasized that donating 100 pesos a month would be welcome and could go a long way to add to the well being of the OLL. He mentioned that talks at the library are doing well. The only thing lagging in earnings is Hoofing It. He proceeded in explaining the bottom line for the library. Ralph added that the budget estimates were pretty much on target. 10% of our income. The OLL should be okay this year but we need to replenish our reserve. This could be the first year that we don't take money out of the OLLF.

### **Old Business:**

Update, protocol for medical emergencies: The participants are anxious to get started with the implementation of the protocol. Participants will meet on the terrace the 21st of August at 10:00 to get started with learning the basics of the protocol, as well as practice in implementing it. Charts outlining the procedure will be posted around the library.

### **Facilities Committee:**

Have had an initial inspection for the terrace. Architect for the hotel. Husband is on the approved list for architects. The forms have to be approved by an engineer. Final forms have to be signed by the owners of the building. We're in a similar position as we are with Donatario Autorizado.

### **Writing Through**

The teacher for the English class has gone to the States for a year. When a new teacher is hired the Writing Through project will continue.

### **New Business:**

#### **Request from Oaxaca Events:**

Dottie Bellinger was at the meeting to present information to the BOD about funding for OaxacaEvents.com. Jose Luis moved to accept the OaxacaEvents request; Mary seconded; motion approved unanimously.

Jacki Gordon and Dottie Bellinger met with Doug to discuss questions around tech. One of the things they wanted to discuss ways we're using Mail Chimp. We currently pay to have a list of 25,000 people. What Dottie noticed was that there are times when a person is listed more than once. Each person who attends an excursion or hike has their name and email entered into Mail Chimp. Jacki and Dottie feel that this list is valuable for contacting others. The problem is that the

list could soon be longer than 25,000 which means we will have to pay more for using Mail Chimp. The payment increase could be 50 or 60 Us per month which would mean 150 200 US. There was no objection to her request. Jose Luis talked about his experiences with Mail Chimp and was very enthusiastic about using it.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Bazaar:**

The practice of allowing volunteers to purchase things from the bazaar before it opens officially was discussed. Also the date for the bazaar was discussed. No agreement was reached. Gail will speak with Inaje to get her opinions. Inaje gave Gail the info that a Sunday would be best for the Bazaar. Discussion about whether to do away with the idea of volunteers getting to buy before the bazaar opens was discussed. The BOD is generally opposed to the practice but it's the decision of the committee.

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Donataria progress or not. We will wait until Marirose can be available.

Doug moved to discontinue Tuesday inter cambios; David seconded; motion passed unanimously.

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### **Adjournment:**

David Shallenberger moved to adjourn the meeting; Mary seconded; the meeting was adjourned at 12:32.