

Board of Directors Meeting 11/18/21 was called to order at 11:05

Agenda

Suzanne Grant moved to approve the agenda. Dottie Bellinger seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Roll Call

Board Members present: John Dumser, Doug Long, Mary Phillips, John Burch, Jose Luis Zarate, Suzanne Grant, Ron Grant, Jacki Gordon, Dottie Bellinger, Abraham Torres Fregosa, Marirose Lescher

Board Members absent: Lina Negrete, Phil Schlak

Board Members late: David Myler, Mark Leyes

Visitor: Peter McCallion

Approval of Minutes BOD meeting 10/14/21

Dottie Bellinger moved to approve the minutes. John Burch seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Announcements

Suzanne Grant will be gone for the month of December.

Board members were reminded of the library benefit given by the Geckos on December 4th.

President's Report

1. John sent a letter to the Tech Committee thanking them for their dedication and work to upgrade the technology (hardware/software at the OLL).
2. It is essential for the growth of the OLL to have the committees working together. BOD members were asked to develop solutions to make this happen.

3. The midyear bazaar:

- BOD to decide timing of this event
- Need a chair person to organize the bazaar. Carolina Carter was mentioned as a possibility.
- Possible use of alley entryway to be discussed with building owners.

Treasurer's Report

- October was a very good month.
- David Myler was assured that we had more income than deficit.
- Jacki Gordon asked where the fundraising money is represented in the report. It is reflected in two places: OLLF Contributions (US dollars) and OLL Other Income (MXN pesos).

Board went into executive session

Outstanding Business

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- Accountants are reviewing OLL documents. More information will be presented to the board when it is ready.

Fundraising

- Jackie Gordon reported that the committee has raised about 50% of the goal.
- Expected increase in donations at the end of the year.
- Letters will be sent out to 1,000 ex-members.
- There will be two more email campaigns in December. One email from Ambassadors and one general distribution from the committee.
- There have been close to 150 individual donations which indicates a real following for the library.

New Business

Dismissal of Reopening Committee

-John D has agreed to write an email to thank the members for their work.

John Burch moved to dismiss the Reopening Committee. Suzanne Grant seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

-Committees/groups coordinating with each other

-Dottie Bellinger suggested calling a meeting of the committee chairs for a problem solving session on how they could work together. A letter from the board will go out asking committee chairs to get together.

-Doug Long suggested ways to coordinate events on a calendar, including ways to do the publication of events which would eliminate the problem of having more than one event on a specific date.

-David Myler gave a report on the new library software, Mandarin.

-All data transferred.

-Circulation is up and running.

-Emails can go to all members at the same time.

-Overdue notices and expiration of expired memberships are sent automatically.

-Tech assistance has been excellent.

-There has been a training session for everybody using the software.

-Since the training session was a bit complicated Mandarin has agreed to do a training session with one of the book committee members who will train others

-Mission Statement

-The next board agenda will include a review of the mission statement.

-Mark Leyes asked about reopening the coffee shop. Monday and Tuesday are the busiest days. Drinks and cookies will be available on those days and others when use of the library picks up..

Standing Committee Reports

-Outreach committee.

-Jose Luis gave a brief review of the committee meeting emphasizing the outreach activities and the committee assuming the role of umbrella for other NGO's in Oaxaca.

-The annual NGO fair will be organized differently and there will be a meeting of the various NGO's to discuss ways to work together.

-Marirose asked if a joint project with Canfro and the OLL had been discussed in the Outreach Committee. They have not, yet, discussed projects which could be supported by both Canfro and the OLL.

-Jose Luis was asked to bring up the idea to the committee. Getting started with finding a project is important because the Canadian government requires two years' time before such a joint project could be realized.

-Tech Committee

-After returning from a trip, Doug will be recruiting more people for the committee. Doug was requested to inform the board of the goals for the committee.

-Adjournment

Dottie Bellinger moved to adjourn. David Myler seconded. The motion approved unanimously.

Members can attend board meetings. If interested contact Mary Phillips at mbp89us@yahoo.com for the zoom link.