

## **Minutes of OLL Board of Directors Meeting**

July 2023

### **Call to Order and Roll Call**

Jacki called the meeting to order at 11:01

### **Board members attending:**

Gail Ament, Mary Phillips, Jacki Gordon, Marirose Lescher, David Myler, Doug Long, John Burch, David Shallenberger, Viviana Ruiz, Jose Luis Zárata, Phil Schlak, Peter McCallion

### **Board members absent:**

**Visitor: Bliss Wilson**

### **Approval – Agenda**

David Myler moved to remove nominations as agenda item. David Shallenberger seconded. Passed unanimously and the agenda was accepted.

### **Approval – June Minutes**

David Myler moved to approve the June minutes; Phil Schlak seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

One board member present, Gail Ament, was left off the list of those attending and has been added to that list.

### **Announcements**

Bliss Wilson, a member of the nominations committee, was at the meeting to talk about nominations. She listed who would be going off the board and who would be continuing. The Constitution stipulates that there be 4 officers. The nominating committee would like for some current members of the BOD to serve again. The BOD is not privy to nominations committee recommendations regarding specific candidates.

Jacki mentioned that library members will be at the library to help people register to vote remotely in US elections. It is assistance for members and is completely nonpartisan.

Larry submitted a report on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July gathering. Sixty tickets sold. It was a successful and well-enjoyed day.

### **President's Report**

The library hosted another (3<sup>rd</sup>) "Writing Through" workshop. Teachers of English were the target participants. Jacki commented that it is a great program and she hopes it will continue to be offered.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Marirose reported that there was less financial loss than expected in the month of June. She introduced a new presentation format, which was easier for people to read and/or understand. There was a discussion about exchange rate (dollars/pesos) and how it's affecting library funds. A suggestion was made to think about monitoring the exchange rate. The finance committee is meeting next week and will be making recommendations to the board at the next meeting. To sum up we're in decent shape.

Jacki spoke about Little Green Light and proposed some questions to be answered about it. It holds a lot of information. Last year the expense was donated. We are overdue paying for it. How long will we be able to extract information from it? It was purchased as a recovery reason during the pandemic. Jose Luis suggested looking for another program. He thought that we need information from the people who have worked with it. Mail Chimp was named as an alternative. Wix is part of Mail Chimp. En Via uses Omprakash. The decision was made to have the finance committee consider this at their upcoming meeting.

David Myler moved to accept the Treasurer's report. JohnBurch seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Old Business**

Donataria Autorizada. An upcoming zoom meeting will be held on Monday, July 24. The lawyer will be at the August BOD meeting to answer questions.

#### Facilities and Tech update

David Myler reported the book drop will be completed next week.

Jacki asked if there is a possibility of constructing something to mark off a space on the terrace so that the staff of LPP won't have to deal with noise created by others using the space. Members of the facilities committee had suggestions and will be working on the noise problem.

Doug reported that there is continuing work on the kiosk. Members of the the technology committee are working on more organization and ways to keep Adriana from needing to do things. The kiosk may become a link off the website.

#### Events – live streaming policies

The EEC Committee has been working on this and reported:

Streaming. Fee is 125 MN, open to members and non-members. A pilot project will be run with selected presentations late October through December.

Presentations. David has begun to lace together our 2023-2024 calendar, which will again probably offer about 50 presentations. We did additional brainstorming as well on possible speakers. **We need a presenters' permission/waiver form.** It was decided that we would have our lawyer have a look at it to see if it is appropriate or needs to be changed in some way.

Carol Ringold is compiling the lists of interested volunteers to be contacted. The first training sessions will take place in early November.

David Shallenberger's August 16 panel on medical options for full-time expat residents is up and running on the OLL website so people can now register for this free event.

Gail represented EEC at the first two meetings of the Volunteer Committee while Carol was away, and Carol is now the liaison between the two committees, having recently attended the third meeting.

Carol and Gail are updating the existing forms for Event Managers, Door Sales, and Chair Set-up.

#### Excursions: Hoofing It and Out & about

Planning is 90% done. Adding some workshops. Need more volunteers. Tested two excursions in July. They were completely sold out.

#### NGO Fair.

Viviana has been planning. She will talk with Fay Henderson Diaz to get help with some questions that she has. Jacki explained how the former fair operated. Doug suggested having higher tables and chairs so that more personal interaction could occur. Gail suggested that having a theme would be a good idea. Jose Luis suggested that each NGO be introduced.

#### Bazaar

We will be talking with Enaje about what she needs for help with the bazaar. Phil suggested that there needs to be more help downstairs. The bazaar planning is underway.

### **New Business**

#### Enforcing Civility Policy

At the Saturday Intercambio there has been a man harassing attendees. There have been no consequences, but he has been spoken to. A set of procedures in congruence with the OLL Civility Policy was discussed and will be put in place if the problem continues.

#### Libros Para Pueblos

A group met to discuss the relationship between the Oll and LPP There are some challenges to work out. Both organizations offer different things.

LPP donates books and provides training. Jose Luis talked about how the OLL and LPP could work together to strengthen both organizations.

### Social Media

There are two social pages on Facebook. Both have a purpose. Jacki believes that we need to have an expanded social media presence. This topic falls under the purview of the Communications Committee and will be passed along to them.

### Adjournment

Mary moved to adjourn. Phil seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 12:55.