

# **OLL Board of Directors Meeting**

December 2023

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

Jacki called the meeting to order at 11:00

Board members attending: David Myler, David Shallenberger, Doug Long, Peter McCallion, Gail Ament, Phil Schlak, Jacki Gordon, Mary Phillips, Marirose Lescher, Viviana Ruiz, Jose Luis Zarate, Carol Ringold (appointed as at large director, replacing John Burch)

Visitors: Carlos Landa, Ralph Gault.

## **Approval – Agenda**

David Myler moved to accept the agenda; Peter McCallion seconded. Agenda was accepted.

## **Approval –October 2023 Minutes**

Doug Long moved to accept the minutes; David Shallenberger seconded. Minutes were accepted.

## **Announcements**

### **Bazaar and Boutique**

Bazaar will take place Dec. 23rd. Jacki asked for some time to talk about some of the current tensions. Scheduling has proven difficult because we're stepping on the toes of other programs. Another example, presales, people volunteering to help at the Bazaar taking advantage of the "volunteer" status by leaving with articles that were offered for sale at the Bazaar.

Boutique is set for January 17.

The Nominations Committee will present at the January 18 meeting.

President's Report

Jacki mentioned the passing of John Burch and he will be honored in some way.

#### Treasurer's Report

December is a big month and we don't have all that information, yet. January and February are bigger. January we'll have more information about where we stand financially.

Discussion ensued about the prices for hikes and tours. Prices have risen. Carlos Landa was present to suggest different ways to have the hikes.

The motion to accept the treasurer's report passed unanimously.

#### **Old Business**

##### Date for General Assembly Meeting

17th of March was set for the AGAM 10:30 am

The date was accepted unanimously

##### Terrace mural

Has been finished. Price was somewhat over what was in the budget. John Burch and Robert Durr made up the difference.

##### Donataria status

Marirose reminded board members of where we are with DA status. She suggested that as we move toward DA status we need to have a place where we have minutes, identification of active agent status and other policies. Every board member should have access to those things.

##### Christmas dinner

111 tickets sold. Carlos shared that we're close to last year in receipts. A container will be put out for donations.

#### **New Business**

##### 2024 Budget

Marirose reinforced the idea that we are in sound financial condition but looking at the financial condition and requests from committees we are running at a loss. The finance committee has made some adjustments to the budget requests. Without the adjustments we are running at a 251,000 peso loss. Last year we took pesos from the OLLF to cover the loss. We could do that again but that's not sustainable. We need to think about how we can generate a small profit going forward. We have a high season and a low season. What can we do during the low season to generate some income. Ralph Gault has done a second budget which reduces the loss. He added some additional events during June, July and August and he has suggested ways we could increase revenues. We could reduce our loss to 138,000.

#### Online store for events/Holiday gift

An offer to show some of the videos that are online will be offered for free December 25 - January after 3 kings day

#### Salaries and aguinaldos

Three staff members will receive 20 days of salary. Higher salaries in general were discussed. Some blowback from board members was expressed. Marirose will send info to board members before the January meeting and it will be discussed at that meeting.

#### Bazaar purpose

#### Pets policy

There is a pet policy on the website. If there's a problem with an animal the owner should be asked to leave with the animal.

#### Committee Reports

##### NGO FAIR

The committee has decided to put off the fair a year. Members of the committee will be working on organizing the fair for 2026 to have a more successful event. David Shallenberger noted that the committee wants to work slowly so as to provide a good experience at the NGO fair.

#### **Adjournment**

Peter McCallion moved that the meeting be adjourned. David Shallenberger seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 12:05.