

OLL Board of Directors Meeting

June 2023

Call to Order and Roll Call

Jackie called the meeting to order at 11:02

Board Members attending: Jose Luis Zarate, David Myler, Doug Long, John Burch, Marirose Lescher, Vivianna Ruiz, Jacki Gordon, Gail Ament, Mary Phillips.

Board Members not attending: David Shallenberger, Phil Schlak

Staff: Adriana Maldonado

Visitor: Carol Ringold

Approval – Agenda

David Myler moved to approve the Agenda; Doug long seconded; the motion passed unanimously as amended.

Approval – May Minutes

David moved to approve the May minutes; Marirose seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Announcements

We have approved the new summer hours. No problems so far.

E blasts will continue on the first of the month.

Global library came and took fotos.

President's Report

Nothing new at this time

Treasurer's Report

15,000 less loss than expected. Essentially we're behind what was projected. We're withdrawing 50,000 from OLLF each month, as planned. We usually have losses during summer.

Old Business

Membership Categories & Fees were adopted for the foreseeable future.

David Myler moved and Gail Ament seconded that the membership categories be: family, individual, individual reduced, temporary, student over 18, youth 13-18, Child through 12 life.

Our Constitution does not provide for some of the categories. Youth and child are not in constitution, thus temporary. Suggestion that specific categories be made temporary and the constitution be changed. The changes will be voted on at the next AGAM.

Donataria Autorizada

Executive Committee met briefly with the lawyer. When the board last voted to not go to DA status, the advice was that we could put ourselves in jeopardy. Our lawyer, who is well experienced with DA says that's incorrect advice. He pointed out that our money comes from membership fees, events, and excursions and that those things are approved because we are considered a cultural center. They all are part of our mission as found in the constitution.

The lawyer strongly feels we should become a DA. We were made aware that there are two extra reports that must be done in February and May or we are fined. We will need to discuss if our accountant will be responsible for doing those reports or that we will do them another way. If she does the forms she will likely raise her fees.

Because our tax burden would be lower, that's not a problem.

The lawyer will be asked to put together in bullet point form a list of pros and cons before for the July meeting.

He will need to talk with Isabel ahead of time. It was previously believed that 5 - 10 percent of our income could be used for salaries which could mean a salary cut for employees.

Vivianna and Jose Luis explained that because they have DA status they can put salaries in the Operation Budget and thus no salary cuts.

This specific issue we need to ask Lawyer about and get an answer. We absolutely do not want to lower salaries. Doug explained that if we have DA status some of our services and software expenses will be covered.

Report from Ad Hoc Comm on Terrace Art

Tabled for now..

Facilities and Tech update

Leaks in the roof have been uncovered and are now fixed. Security cameras have been updated. Four cameras will be placed strategically for Cony to be able to see all angles.

Events – live streaming policies

The committee hasn't arrived at policies, yet.

Carol Ringold was a visitor at the meeting.

She emphasized that she was not speaking for EEC, but for herself. She is opposed to 90,000 being spent on equipment that we're not sure will pay a return. She proposed using Doug's equipment as a test to whether this will be a good investment. We would need 700 paid views to break even and pay for the equipment. She questioned whether being at home and viewing these will pay a return.

Jose Luis, as head of Libros Para Pueblos added that video is communication. The equipment is expensive and he felt it wasn't fair to use someone else's equipment.

The original plan was to purchase a computer in August. Doug had projected that we'd earn 1/3 of the amount from live events. That would not pay for the equipment in one year. Carol reiterated the fact that we have no data to suggest that streaming will be successful.

Doug added that if we did have DA status that would help with paying for equipment and subscriptions.

Minimally Doug needs a computer. Would need to be 30,000 for that purchase. The other money would go to cameras and microphones. Wireless handheld cameras would supplement at events.

An idea was floated for putting a wishlist on eblast and on the website for video equipment could be a useful thing to do.

The discussion was tabled for now. Doug was asked to come with a proposal for the July meeting which would describe a way to phase in purchasing each piece of equipment which will be needed....purchasing, borrowing, renting, etc.

Excursions: Hoofing It and Out & about

There is a full committee now. The committee is considering hiring an intern who would work 10-12 hours a week. That person would be paid by the Learning Center. Looking for volunteers.

New Business

NGO Fair

There have been inquiries from other NGOs. Will be held in January. Vivianna will be in charge.

Bazaar

Enaje will head up this committee. Will be held in December.

Instagram

We have no instagram presence. Looking for someone to be in charge of putting videos and photos on line. Perhaps an intern.

Committee Reports

Adjournment

David Myler moved to adjourn the meeting; Jose seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 12:32