

OAXACA LENDING LIBRARY, A.C.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
JULY 18, 2024

Call to Order and Roll Call

Board Members Attending: Gail Ament, Ralph Gault, David Shallenberger, Mary Phillips, Vivianna Ruiz, Marirose Lescher, Peter McCallion, Doug Long.

Board members absent: Jose Luis Zarate

Staff: Adriana Moldonado.

Gail called the meeting to order at 11:05.

Approval: Agenda

David Shallenberger moved to approve the Agenda; Ralph seconded; the agenda was approved unanimously.

Approval: May 16 Minutes

David Shallenberger moved to accept the May 16 Minutes; Mary seconded; the minutes were approved unanimously.

Announcements

President's Report

Fewer members available for meeting. Several on zoom.

Gail reported that there will be a July 24 presentation from two people who have strong ties to the guelaguetza.

Treasurer's Report

Book purchases in the US

Doug Harmon set up a way to buy books in the States through the OLLF. Buying books occasionally through the OLLF is not a problem. However, when the OLL buys significant quantities of books through the OLLF, the amount of the purchases is considered as a grant from the OLLF, and income for the OLL. We pay 30%+ tax now on our income. When we are a donataria, this will not be an issue. Right now, we can set up a US dollar account at Bancomer. We can use this account to buy books with dollars from the OLLF. There is no tax issue because we have expenses (the books) to offset the grant from the OLLF. Therefore, OLL will not have income to tax. When the OLLF buys books, the expenses are the OLLF's not the OLL's. OLL needs to further investigate the requirements for a dollar account at Bancomer~is there a minimum, and how much activity is required each month?

Old Business

Protocol for medical emergencies

Terry Banen has sent a recommended outline for a session and had questions about when and where the training could occur.

Doug Long suggested that we move forward with this idea. Marirose suggested moving ahead with a few people for training and then expanding the group. Gloria suggested that we start with volunteers that are already working at the OLL. Terry's outline was accepted.

Donataria progress or lack thereof

We are in need of a letter written by a oaxaqueño connected to the government, testifying that we are a cultural entity. With the change of Government since the election there are new requirements. This letter is a new requirement. Next step occasional purchases by book committee.

From book committee get an estimate of the number and/or cost of purchases.

New Business

Municipal regulations regarding structural soundness of terraces.

John Dumser, Adriana and David Myler have been involved. There is a list of architects who can do inspections. We will be inspected on the coming Saturday. There may be some changes we need to make.

Constitution: English/Spanish inconsistencies; how to track suggested changes. We will be making changes that are necessary.

For discussion: recent harassment of some Board members by anonymous individual; proposed policy wording to deal with this.

PROPOSED POLICY

If a violation of the OLL's civility policy occurs on OLL premises, or in connection with an OLL-sponsored event or excursion, it should be immediately reported to the OLL Manager, or the Front Desk Manager, and a brief incident report must be completed. This report will be taken to a committee of the Board, or to the full Board, depending on the severity of the alleged violation.

The OLL will not act on incidents that occur off premises and at non-OLL related events.

The OLL will not take up personal messages and communications made on apps wholly unrelated to the OLL.

The OLL will not act on incident reports filed anonymously or under an assumed name.

Please do not contact OLL Board members on their personal social media accounts. Social media accounts are not meant for OLL business.

Long discussion about how to stop someone from continuing to harass.

This issue will be taken up at the next BOD meeting.

Writing Through

Ralph questioned the time and cost of the Writing Through program. It was suggested that he research the program to get an idea of the positives and value of the program. Some of his questions were answered by Gail and other board members.

Adjournment

David Shallenberger moved to adjourn; Mary seconded; Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 1:00.