

OLL Board of Directors Meeting

July, 2022

Jacki called the meeting to order at 11:00

Roll Call

Members Present: John Burch, David Myler, Jacki Gordon, David Shallenberger, Doug Long, Dottie Bellinger, Marirose Lescher, Lina Nigrete, Peter McCallion, Mary Phillips

Members Absent: Phil Schlak, Jose Luis Zarate, Abraham Torres,

Guests: John Dumser, Allie Hawley, Brian Gregory, Ian Hawley, Siobhan Grogan

Approval of June minutes:

David Myler moved to approve the June minutes; Dottie seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Agenda:

Marirose moved to accept the amended agenda. David seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Announcements:

Jacki announced that we would be using board retreat on August 13 for the monthly board meeting.

David Myler announced the OLL membership cards with bar codes we have been given will help the circulation desk with doing things more quickly and accurately. Eventually the hotel cafe will give discounts, with the card serving to show that one is a member of the library.

Treasurer's Report

The OLL had both unexpected income and unexpected expenses. David Myler moved to allow the treasurer to request from the OLLF a grant of 100,000 pesos. Dottie seconded. An amendment to the motion was to divide the 100,000 pesos into three withdrawals instead of one. The motion passed unanimously.

David Myler raised the question about changes in the committee budgets. Marirose responded by explaining how we withdraw funds. The procedure for requesting grants from the OLLF must go through the treasurer because it needs to be one/the same person to request money. All expense payments must go through Marirose.

Jacki proposed a way for the process to work.

Siobhan Grogan mentioned that we need to improve communication. The book committee would like to be assured that they have their budgeted 90,000 pesos for their purchases. Another question was about the purchase of bookshelves. A supplemental request can be made.

Old Business:

Facilities update – vision of main sala

John Dumser spoke for the committee.

- John explained that the committee was at the board meeting to request additional funds. Most of the work for phase 1 has been completed. There is a need for more funding in phase 2 to pay for the furniture. The lighting and shelving have not been purchased. Dottie moved that we give facilities 75,000 pesos for the facilities (two withdrawals of 37,500) David Myler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Other information on the project included:

- The main sala painting has been done.
- A new, smaller board near the entrance and perhaps a computer with online notices will replace the bulletin boards.
- Siobhan added comments about the bookshelves and how they will be used.
- David Myler noted that the hotel is putting in a new lona to replace the umbrellas, that will be high enough to allow the library's sign to be seen from the street. There followed more discussion about how to get the best signage on the street to indicate where the library is.

Leadership retreat – scheduling and agenda

The retreat will take place on August 13. Pat Leone will facilitate. The theme of the retreat will be envisioning the future of the library. Jacki is hoping for ideas from participants that can be put on the agenda. Lunch will be provided. David Schallenberger suggested that one thing covered at the retreat could be time spent on helping new board members understand their role. Dottie spoke about the board manual and proposed at the retreat we could take a look at that.

Hoofing It and Out & about

Larry has been working on getting help with the Hoofing It program and Nick Garcia can handle the entire schedule. Other bids are being solicited as well. An English speaking guide will be available. Larry has other leads for people to help him.

Jacki mentioned the Out and About programs that are coming up.

Website

Tyler was present on Zoom to talk about progress on the new website. It has launched and the committee will be using some time to get into what is working and what isn't working. The committee is happy to be at this point. BOD members were invited to follow Tyler through what has been done so far. Some things have been streamlined. Since Siobhan was at the meeting Tyler explained how links could improve patrons searching for books. Tyler is happy to coordinate with the book committee on suggestions and changes to be made. Tyler asked about the website translation to Spanish.

Both board members and guests had questions and suggestions for the website.

Social – report on July 4 activity

A good gathering. The net profit was 13,000 pesos.

New Business

Governance - the status of the Bylaws and the Constitution.
(certification of AGAM minutes and membership RFCs).

The outstanding issue is that the OLL governance doesn't completely agree with our constitution. Also, the bylaws do not agree with our constitution. Marirose suggested that we have a lawyer look at both items. Dottie asked if we could just get rid of the bylaws. That would have to be done at the AGAM. The executive committee will be discussing this and perhaps deciding on a lawyer to meet with the board to help us decide what to do with our bylaws and constitution.

Hiring a translator for the website and to translate AGAM minutes. Marirose was put in contact with Luz McClellan who is certified in the US by the State Department. Luz would charge 15 cents per word. There are approximately 10,000 words on the website. It would take 1500 dollars to do the website. The idea was tabled for the next meeting.

Children's programming

We are still looking for a person to teach. BOD members discussed the possibility of interns at the university.

Fundraising has decided to stay with Little Green Light. Jacki and Dottie are funding it. Jacki would like for the tech committee to see what we could do better.

Other Committee Reports

Nominating Committee

Ian Hawley reported that we have some people interested in being members at large. We need a treasurer and vice president.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:37. The David M moved and David S seconded for the meeting to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.