

OLL Board of Directors Meeting

January 2024

Call to Order and Roll Call

Jacki called the meeting to order at 11:03.

Board members attending: David Myler, David Shallenberger, Marirose Lescher, Mary Phillips, Peter McCallion, Carol Ringold, Jacki Gordon, Gail Ament, Jose Luis Zaraté, Phil Schlak.

Board members absent: Viviana Ruiz

Visitors: Dottie Bellinger, Ian Hawley, Ralph Gault and Bliss Wilson.

Staff: Adriana Maldonado

Approval – Agenda

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

Approval – December 2023 Minutes

David Myler moved to accept the December, 2023 minutes as amended; David Shallenberger seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Announcements

President's Report

Jacki announced that people are writing some very nice commentaries about the board and what's happening at the library. She added that it seemed to be getting a lot of good will.

Treasurer's Report

We had a great report. Gail moved to accept the treasurer's report; Phil Schlak seconded; The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Nominations Committee report

Bliss Wilson, John Dumser, Ian Hawley,

Ian suggested that the next committee could be narrowed to three participants with a consultant as the fourth.

The committee considered over 20 people. Some people volunteered again which was helpful. In further discussion it was suggested that next year there be more “advertising” for board members.

Bazaar and Boutique reports

Bliss Wilson said the money earned was approximately what was earned last year, 18,000 pesos. The food table made 6,000 pesos.

A suggestion mentioned was that there be more publicity. Bliss agreed to write up a summary about how the boutique operates.

2024 Budget and Finance issues

The plan is to pay for a new computer for Adriana...20,000 pesos. Her present computer will go to the circulation desk. Looking to put together another computer so we can have data storage. David Myler moved to approve the expenditure; Phil seconded; Motion passed unanimously.

Streaming Update: What we’ve done before is paying off. Streaming is becoming more popular. Some members would like to stream in the library. Doug will make trailers for what is available to stream. As many as 11 people have signed up for streaming.

There have been some issues with dogs in the library. The dog policy needs to be followed. Owners will be asked to leave with their dogs if there is a problem. The stress will become “no dogs off leash.” A suggestion during the discussion would be that some signage be made and posted in the library.

New Business

Volunteers Committee request

Dottie Bellinger was at the board meeting to ask and talk about the Volunteer Appreciation Event. She asked for the money to be approved. David Myler moved to accept that budget; Phil Schlak seconded; Motion approved unanimously.

Protocol for health emergencies

Recently there was a health emergency at the Oll. Mary Phillips will be working on a protocol which can be followed if a health emergency occurs at the library.

Committee Reports

Because excursions have been sold out, more are being offered. Hikes have also been sold out; more have been added.

EEC committee is moving along. Also, recently they had 70 people for an event and no water available in the building.

Budget Discussion

Marirose on water: (usually the owner of the building has ordered water) We were assured that we have a lot of cash on hand so it should not be a problem that we have ordered water.

David Myler commented on how the information given in the paper produced by Marirose, treasurer, was well written and easy to understand.

He questioned how much the aquinaldos were this year. He's inclined that we follow the law and we give what the law requires. Minimum is 15 days. EC committee recommended 20 rather than 15. One consideration was that the minimum salary in Mexico is low. Adriana has worked for the library since 2002 and has received benefits since 2016. She works tirelessly for the benefit of the library. Now, Adriana, and all OLL employees are being paid retirement and health benefits."

Discussion ensued about when the budget would be determined and approved. The timing of the AGAM could be a problem because according to our constitution it must be held during the first 3 months of the year and that is where the budget is presented and finalized. Getting the budget finalized and presented is difficult for that reason.

Jacki recounted how prices for vans for outings rose considerably and that has to be figured into the budget, as well.

Because of the pandemic this is the first year we have not had a normal year and post pandemic makes it more difficult to present and finalize a budget.

The question of why the executive committee was constituted as the personnel committee arose as part of the discussion. At the time we established the executive committee we determined it would be a personnel committee.

David Myler moved that the Oll Board supports the budget as presented and forwarding it on the AGAM. Phil seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ralph spoke about how this is the best budget that has come out of the OLL. Marirose said that there may be expenses for water and/or a raise in the rent for LPp by 1,000.

Jose Luis thanked the board for being reasonable with the raise in rent.

Doug Long suggested that we have monthly reports about expenses, and incomes. EEC, Out and About and other committees. Jacki asked for a report on membership so we can keep better track of who is paying for streaming. BOD members were asked to consider a monthly donation which can be done on the website

During the conversation about fundraising, Ralph reminded BOD members that an account of expenses and incomes is shown in the monthly treasurer's report.

Adjournment

Marirose moved to adjourn the meeting; Mary seconded; the meeting was adjourned at 12:50

