

**OAXACA LENDING LIBRARY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
AUGUST 21, 2025**

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Called to order at 11:02 am

Present: Gail Ament, Bonny Weil, Jose Luis Zárate, Ralph gault, John Hunter, John Dumser, Carol Ringold, Ian Hawley

Absent: Abe Torres & Viviana Ruiz Boijseauneau

GUESTS: Dottie Bellinger, David Shallenberger, David Iverson, Jeff Stewart, & Siobhan Grogan

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

See new business

APPROVAL OF JULY MINUTES

Motion to approve by: Gail Ament, seconded by John Dumser. None opposed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- New chair of the Social Committee: Bonny Weil
- Outreach chair: none
- Facilities de-facto chair: David Myler
- Fundraising Committee chair: Carol Ringold
- Oaxaca Events: Thank you to Dottie Bellinger and David Raphael
- Nominating Committee members: B.J. Ferguson and Carlos "Pancho" Landa
- Friends of Oaxacan Folk Art (FOFA): There will be an October workshop on Catrinas
- Local African Americans and the OLL: John Hunter and Jim Thompson are going to La Cosecha this Saturday to do outreach in the group.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Aug 8 transfer to Vanguard VMXX fund, current yield 4.22%

- Motion to approve the monthly treasurer's report by: Ralph Gault, Seconded by, Ian Hawly. None opposed

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

- Donataria Autorizada: Estamos pendientes del buzón y les informaremos.

NEW BUSINESS

Excursions

- Thank you, Dottie, for 8 years of service!
- Excursions is planning 70 or so hikes this year, the typical number. This year we'll be offering new smaller public transportation hikes.
- We hired Tanya LaPierre to be the coordinator for Out & About.
- Tanya will train chaperones and translators. We sent a budget to the treasurer and the board.

David Shallenberger guest speaker

- Democrats Abroad will be sponsoring a panel for people who have been wanting an anti-gentrification discussion. D.A. is willing to host and wants to partner with the library. Does the library want to be part of this discussion?
- Questions: Is this just a govt regulatory issue? What is our strategy? Spanish, or English? Who would attend? What is the outreach?
- The board will discuss and get back to David within three months.

1966-2026: 60th Anniversary Celebration Task Force

John Hunter & John Dumser:

- The objectives for 2026 are to be as inclusive as possible to increase the base of support for the library. We want to attract more Spanish speakers.
- We could do a donor sponsored event each month during high season. Plan specific sponsored activities for the parents who bring their kids in on Saturdays. Poll Ninos Adelante, Jovenes Adelante, and the intercambio for feed-back.
- Will there be a closing event? The *Calenda Literaria* is a street procession. Schools teachers carry names of books with designs following the books. It's a different way to celebrate.
- Jeff's subcommittee has received \$1,000 usd for expenses. Gail will donate the first \$500 usd to the Anniversary Celebration.

- The board made a motion to support task force work including contact with each committee.
- Motion to approve by: Bonny Weil, second by Carol Reingold. None opposed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fundraising Committee: chair is Carol Ringold

Bazaar in December 2025 – no chair yet

OTHER

none

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn: by Gail Ament, seconded by John Hunter. None opposed

Adjourned at 12:39