

**OAXACA LENDING LIBRARY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
September 18, 2025**

DRAFT Minutes (Comprehensive)

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

Meeting called to order at 11:02 am

Present: Bonny Weil, Jose Luis Zárate, Ralph Gault, John Hunter, Viviana Ruiz Boijseauneau, Carol Ringold, Ian Hawley

Absent: Abe Torres, Gail Ament, John Dumser

GUESTS:

Adriana Maldonado, Jeff Stewart, and David Iverson

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

Doug explained the private board docs page to the board.

Gail sent an updated report on Donataria status

APPROVAL OF AUGUST MINUTES:

The secretary will change blacks to African-Americans.

Motion to approve by: Carol Ringold, seconded by Jose Luis Zárate. None opposed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

No report this month

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Budgeting was accurate for last month

Motion to approve the monthly treasurer's report by: Ralph Gault, seconded by Bonny Weil. None opposed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

none

OLD BUSINESS:

Donataria status: SAT has rejected the ministry of culture document. They believe it doesn't describe what we do. We need to appeal. We have an appt this Friday. Suggestions & ideas were floated:

- Ask the culture secretary why they don't think we're correctly reporting our activities.
- Invite SAT to tour the library and see operations for themselves.
- Viviana is volunteering to work on this issue. A misunderstanding?
- Check with the San Miguel de Allende library to see if they have Donataria status and how they did it. Gail could phone when she's back. Let's also look at the San Miguel library website for ideas if they do have Donataria status.
- Find out what En Vía and Libros para Pueblos have done to earn Donataria status
- We can create bilingual pages for the library website. Our website is in English. Do we need a social media site in Spanish?
- Do we host enough community activities for Oaxaqueños to qualify?
- We can add statistics on the website about our intercambio program
- **Discuss next meeting.**
- Library pages are modified regularly. The board should decide what pages need Spanish translations. **Board members will spend an hour looking at the current website and bring suggestions to the next meeting. The secretary will send out a reminder in 1 week.** Ralph wants to sit with Doug and look at what could / should be translated into Spanish.
- Motion made to task the tech committee with expeditiously exploring how to add Spanish radio buttons to our website pages, and Spanish Facebook pages, by Ian Hawley. Seconded by Bonny Weil. None opposed.

Report from the 60th Celebration Task Force

John Hunter's report: The recent update we sent out covers just about everything. Next, we want to meet with all of the committees to make sure there are no conflicts. Clarification: the fundraising committee chaired by Jeff is not shared by the task force.

OLL Name in Spanish: Options: Biblioteca de Préstamo Externo. And, Biblioteca Amigo de Oaxaca. **Let's vote on this next month.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Library fundraising Should include donor gifts. Discussed possible gifts categories for varying donation amounts, like a tote bag, or a pass to attend any event for free during the year. Donors could choose one of three rewards. Let's consider a permanent "exhibit" of donors, or a 60th anniversary fundraising campaign board. **Carol will work on this for a presentation next month under fundraising.**

Day of the dead altar. Out and about will bring flowers to decorate the altar. Oct 25 has historically been the date we start. The Social committee with contact O&A to coordinate a delivery date for the flowers.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The 60th task force is not asking for funds for any of the activities that they're proposing.

OTHER:

none

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to Adjourn: by Ralph Gault, seconded by Jose Luis Zárate. None opposed
Adjourned at 12:02 pm