

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

DRAFT Minutes

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:

- Updated report on Donataria status.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST MINUTES:

- 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 because they believe that doesn't describe what we do.

Suggestions & ideas were floated:

- We have an appt this Friday
- Invite SAT to tour the library
- Does the San Miguel de Allende library have Donataria status?
- Find out what En Vía and Libros para Pueblos have done to earn Donataria status
- Do we host enough community activities for Oaxaqueños to qualify?
- Add statistics to the website on our intercambio program.
- Create bilingual pages. Our website is in English
- 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.
- Motion: 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

- We want to meet with all of the committees to make sure there are no conflicts.

OLL Name in Spanish: Options:

- Biblioteca de Préstamo Externo
- Biblioteca Amigo de Oaxaca.

NEW BUSINESS:

Library fundraising

- Should include donor gifts. Discussed possible gifts categories for varying donation amounts,
- Let's consider a permanent "exhibit" of donors, or a 60th anniversary fundraising campaign board.

Day of the dead altar.

- Out and about will bring flowers to decorate the altar.
- The Social committee will contact O&A to coordinate a delivery date for the flowers.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- The 60th task force will not be asking for funds for any of the activities they are proposing.

OTHER:

none

ADJOURNMENT:

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