

**OAXACA LENDING LIBRARY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
June 19, 2025**

**Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at: 11:02 am

Present: Bonny Weil, Gail Ament, Marirose Lescher, Abe Torres, Gordon Ian, Adriana Pérez Maldonado

Present on Zoom: John Hunter, Carol Ringold, Viviana Ruiz Boijseauneau

Absent: José Luis Zárate, Ralph Gault

**GUESTS**

None

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

No additions

**APPROVAL OF MAY MINUTES**

Motion to approve by: Abe, seconded by: Ian. None opposed

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- Art Classes: David Stall will be holding a 5-class series of comic-book art classes starting the end of July for adolescents 12 to 17yrs. The cost is \$400 mxn
- Book Club: The new Bookworms book club, (formerly OLL Book Circle) will be meeting next Wednesday at 11:00 am
- Creative Writing: Steve Cena has offered a number of creative writing workshops at the library through the international program. This session will focus on poetry. He's offering the class to English speaking & bilingual adults free of charge on July 11.
- President's Message: Gail's library theme for the next several months will focus on our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary and on libraries themselves.
- Holiday Picnic: There are 33 people signed up for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday picnic on WIX.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

- Marirose is acting treasurer this month. Ralph will be acting treasurer next month, and until we find a new treasurer to replace the old one. Gail will be the contact person in the interim for purchases.
- Regarding current efforts to find a new treasurer, consensus is to abide by the current constitution without revision for at least a year, which limits all board members to 2 terms.
- The acting treasurer proposes we take \$56,000mx from OLLF savings now, (none taken in May) skip the July draw, and see if we need funds in August or September. This will be deviating from the budget and so would like board approval for this change.
- Motion to approve using \$56,000 for expenses now: by Abe, seconded by Bonny. None opposed.
- The OLL has had more reduced memberships and less individual memberships this year than budgeted for. Reduced memberships will still remain as an option
- Motion to approve the monthly treasurer's report: by Bonny, seconded by, Carol. None opposed.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

## OLD BUSINESS

- Donataria Autorizada: We have already made the promotion to the SAT of our Authorization as Donataria. Now, we have to wait for the response of the authority. It is taking about two or three months.
- LPP Signage: No signs up as yet.
- Elections Nominating Committee: The committee needs more volunteers. Bonny can make an announcement at the next DA meeting. This committee should start in September. (Board members cannot serve on the committee.)

## NEW BUSINESS

- "What's in a street name?" Liz Renn has published a book on Oaxaca street names. The library is considering purchasing to loan and to sell, in coordination with the 60th anniversary, and at our welcome to Oaxaca Monday meetings.

- New treasurer position description: Thanks to Marirose in conjunction with all the members of the finance committee for the description
- A motion was made to approve the board position description for treasurer: by Ian, seconded by Carol. None opposed.
- Finance Committee documents: The committee has refreshed its committee job description and are all satisfied with it.
- Motion to approve the finance committee job description: by Carol, seconded by Bonny. None opposed.
- 1966-2026: OLL 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: It's so rewarding to be involved with something bigger than yourself. We now have a month-by-month work plan from Jeff Stewart beginning now, in June, with a lot of the main fund-raising activities coming up in Jan. and Feb.
- Discussion about establishing an endowment to purchase a building to house the OLL. Our five-year lease will be up in two years. Rental costs have increased over 100% since 2018.
- The board reviewed the 60th-anniversary OLL endowment campaign planning document. There's a lot of structure to this report. It looks great. There will be a teaser announcement at the July 4<sup>th</sup> gathering. We don't have a date yet for the party.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Committee liaisons

Terrace Talks: Gail and Carol  
 Book Committee: Gail  
 Excursions: Bonny  
 Finance Committee: Ralph, Ian  
 Outreach: Abe, José Luis, Vivian

Fundraising Committee: John  
 Volunteers: Carol  
 Facilities and Design: John  
 Social: Bonny  
 Tech: Abe

## ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by: Bonny, seconded by: Abe. None opposed

The meeting was adjourned at: 12:24 p.m.