

**¡Hola Mis Amigos!**

**January 21, 2021**

Here's a monthly update about your Spanish Club. The new board met on January 13<sup>th</sup> via zoom to discuss the direction of the club for 2021. Zoom classes are currently being held but plans for new beginning classes will be postponed until the COVID restrictions have been lifted. We'd love to have a Spring Fiesta in April, and will keep you posted on that possibility.

A new happening is that we commissioned a **Digital Transformation Committee** whose purpose is to automate several administrative functions such as registration, financial accounting, Fiesta payments and book purchases. They will be looking at what other clubs have done to see if we can adopt some of their methods. The effort may take some time, but hopefully we'll see results in time for registration next October. Members of this committee are: Steve Murray, Laura Johnson (our new treasurer), Cindy Larson, and Jerry Johnson (our website content manager).

The Board also approved the establishment of a standing **Education Committee**, chaired by our Language Class Administrator Dave Hodnik. Other members of the committee are two of our teachers, MaryAnn Jasken and Brenda Melcher. The committee will oversee all aspects of our language program and maintain communication with teachers and the Board. This has been accomplished by various means in the past, and we have now formalized it.

In addition to our virtual classes, the **Book Club** continues to meet monthly via zoom. The books are all in English and available from various discount businesses. If you'd like to participate, contact Paul Voorhees at [ropavo@gmail.com](mailto:ropavo@gmail.com). The books for the coming months are on our website <https://spanish.scwclubs.com/> under the Activities heading.

Finally, as discussed in Lee Howard's email of September 6, 2020, we are still constrained by COVID restrictions and **will not collect dues for 2021**, but are looking forward to getting back to normal operations sometime this year.

Stay safe!

Mimi Williams  
President