

Ozarks Writers League

Board Meeting Minutes

6:30 pm, April 7, 2021, via Zoom at

- 1) Attendance
- 2) Approval of minutes from last meeting (Veda moved to accept, Rochelle 2nd, passed)
- 3) Treasurer's report by Russell Gayer:
- 4) Website Committee report: Ricky Yates not present
- 5) Membership Committee report by Bonnie Tesh:
 - a) Membership list on the web. Should we create a new one or amend the form and require the approval to have the member's name listed, 50-word bio, etc.? (Google forms make it easy to organize the bios. Need a link to the form on the website. Ronda will contact Ricky. Russell motioned to accept, Margarite 2nd, passed.)
 - b) After how many years of non-renewal do we pull membership forms and name badges, and delete names and info from the spreadsheet? Bonnie said we have 45 members, and asked how long we should keep old names? Duke said make a sheet for current members. Ronda said reach out to the living ones and archive the deceased ones. Bonnie said we had 105 members in 2019 and 92 in 2017. Bonnie will contact those who were members in 2019, but who did not renew their membership in 2020. Russell asked if we could send them the newsletter. Ronda said that sending the link to it on the website was better for emails and offered to help put out the email to those people. Bonnie will send Ronda the list of names and email addresses.
- 6) Writing Contest Committee report by Ronda del Boccio: 15 categories, most sponsors have paid. Ricky will post them on the website.
- 7) Historian report by Linda Runnebaum: Fred Pfister's information next week.
- 8) Art Contest Committee report by Rochelle Wisoff-Fields: Rochelle said we need more entries, and asked Duke if he would like to sponsor a best in show? Duke said no.
- 9) Fundraising Committee report by Margarite Stever: Bob Wolfe gave us a \$50 cash prize. Correction made that the gift certificate for Olive Garden was actually for any of the Darden restaurants, so it includes many more.
- 10) Newsletter report from Kimberly Pennell: Draft file sent to board members. Please send Kimberly any corrections by midnight.
- 11) Old business:
 - a) April 23-24 virtual conference. Schedule in newsletter:

- (1) Ronda will record each speaker for YouTube. Ronda said that recordings are for members only, though speakers may have a recording for their website, etc. Summer submitted the information to connect2culture.org's calendar of events.
- b) October 22-23 conference:
- (1) Location: Camden Hotel, virus permitting.
- (2) JC Fields has agreed to speak, tentatively on advantages and disadvantages of series vs. standalone titles. Chuck Sasser has agreed to speak, per Bonnie. Live speakers to be paid \$200 plus expenses.
- (3) Still need successful authors, editors, agents. Suggestions? Margarite will invite Heather Burch to speak. Duke will invite Anita Paddock, a true crime novelist who interviews convicts and the families.
- 12) Still need duties description for youth contest director. If anyone has held that position, please send what you would have wanted to have going in to Duke@Pen-L.com. It was suggested that past contest chair Diana West may be able to submit a description.
- 13) New business
- a) Report on last Happy OWLers and Mini-Workshops by Ronda: Happy OWLers are drawing in new members. The mini-workshop was successful and went overtime with questions. May's speaker is Cassandra Jordan and June's speaker is Summer (S.V.) Farnsworth on indie publishing wide.
- 14) Board meeting dates discussed: **May 4 is the next board meeting**. How often should we meet after May?
- 15) Request motion to adjourn (Russell motioned, Bonnie 2nd, passed.)

Board Members: (X=present)

(X) Veda Boyd Jones, Past Pres	(X) Russell Gayer	Ricky Yates
(X) Margarite Stevers	(X) Ronda del Boccio. Vice-Pres	Diane Yates, Treasurer
(X) Summer Farnsworth, Secretary	Brenda Black	April Brock
John Crawford	(X) Linda Runnebaum	(X) Bonnie Tesh
(X) Duke Pennell, President	(X) Rochelle Wisoff-Fields	Diana West

Committee Chairs:

Website: Ricky Yates	Contests: Ronda del Boccio
Membership: Bonnie Tesh	Newsletter: (X) Kimberly Pennell
Fundraising: Margarite Stever and John Crawford	Historian: Linda Runnebaum