

Ozarks Writers League

Board Meeting Minutes

6:30 pm, August 11, 2021, via Zoom at

Attendance: Duke Pennell, Ronda Del Boccio, Summer Farnsworth, Veda Boyd Jones, Russell Gayer, Ricky Yates, Margarite Stever, Bonnie Tesh

- 1) Approval of July minutes (Veda moved to accept. Margarite 2nd. Approved.)
- 2) Treasurer's report: Attached. Balance as of 8/9/21 is \$8,028.90. Russell said that about \$1500 is earmarked for prize money. Margarite sent Russell a check for \$20 for raffle ticket sales. Russell said that the new treasurer needs to live in Missouri.
- 3) Committee reports:
 - a) Webmaster: Ricky Yates: Russell said the image is very small for the Flash Fiction contest writing prompt. Ricky said he would fix it.
 - b) Membership: Bonnie Tesh reported that OWL has 73 members currently.
 - c) Writing Contest: Ronda Del Boccio: There are about 20 entrants so far.
 - d) Historian: Linda Runnebaum: no report received.
 - e) Art Contest: Rochelle Wisoff-Fields: no new news.
 - f) Fundraising: Margarite Stever is selling raffle tickets around the area. She has sold \$163 worth so far.
 - g) Social Media: Ronda Del Boccio. Report on Happy OWLers and Mini-Workshops Ronda said that Gary Sosniecki did great. The next mini-class is *How to Begin Your Story*.
 - h) Nominating: Russell Gayer: Duke will get him the guidelines for each office soon.
 - i) Newsletter: In progress.
- 4) Old business:
 - a) October conference: Zoom or in person? Pitches on Sunday afternoon on Zoom? Tentative schedule (next page). The board discussed canceling the in-person part of the conference. Duke said a decision needed to be made tonight or face penalties with the hotel if we cancel later. Summer passionately opposed canceling the reservations, saying that adults should be able to make up their own minds about how to attend. Duke expressed concerns that he did not want to be responsible if anyone got sick. Russell moved to go all-virtual. Veda 2nd. The motion passed.
- 5) New business
 - a) Board member resignation. In the wake of Diane's resignation due to personal issues, Russell has agreed to serve as interim treasurer until elections.

- 6) Suggest next virtual board meeting be held at **6:30 PM on Wednesday, September 8?**
 (Ronda moved to set the date. Margarite 2nd. Passed.)
- 7) Request motion to adjourn (Russell moved to adjourn. Veda 2nd. Meeting ended at 7:20 pm.)

* Past Officers

Year	President	Vice Pres	Treasurer	Secretary
2017 – 2018	Lori Ericson			
2018 - 2019	Margarite Stever		Russell Gayer	Rochelle Wisoff-Fields
2019 - 2020	Veda Boyd Jones		Russell Gayer	
2020 - 2021	Duke Pennell	Ronda Del Boccio	Diane Yates	Summer Farnsworth

Tentative Conference Schedule:

Opening Remarks	10:00–10:15
JC Fields	10:15–11:15
Charles Sasser	11:25–12:25
Lunch	12:25–12:55
Aliki Barnstone	1:00–2:00
Anita Paddock	2:10–3:10
Dorian Cole and Sean Golden Panel–Topic?	3:20–4:20
Closing Remarks	4:20–4:30

Ten-minute breaks between speakers.

Current Board Members:

Duke Pennell, President	Ronda Del Boccio, Vice-Pres.	Summer Farnsworth, Sec.
Veda Boyd Jones, Past Pres.	Russell Gayer	Ricky Yates
Margarite Stever	Bonnie Tesh	Linda Runnebaum
Diana West	Rochelle Wisoff-Fields	

Committee Chairs:

Membership: Bonnie Tesh	Writing Contest and Social Media: Ronda Del Boccio
Historian: Linda Runnebaum	Fundraising: Margarite Stever and John Crawford
Website: Ricky Yates	Art Contest: Rochelle Wisoff-Fields
Nominating Committee: Russell Gayer	Newsletter: Kimberly Pennell