

Ozarks Writers League

Board Meeting Minutes

6:30 pm, February 9, 2021, via Zoom

Present:

Margarite Stever, Summer Farnsworth, John Crawford, Ronda Del Boccio, Linda Runnebaum, Rochelle Wisoff-Fields, Bonnie Tesh, and Duke Pennell

Not present:

Diane Yates, Ricky Yates, Veda Boyd Jones, Russell Gayer, Brenda Black, April Brock, Diana West

1. Minutes from last meeting (Ronda motioned to accept. Rochelle seconded. The motion passed)
2. Treasurer's report: Russell Gayer (It will be emailed later to the board and be emailed before each board meeting in the future.)
3. Website Committee report: Ricky Yates
4. Membership Committee report: Bonnie Tesh (Bonnie said we're up five or more members. Ronda said we should give the number and mention by name anyone who is new to OWL in future board meetings.)
5. Writing Contest Committee report: Ronda del Boccio (Ronda has a few sponsors and is reaching out for more. She will distribute the poll.)
6. Historian report: Linda Runnebaum
7. Art Contest Committee report: Rochelle Wisoff-Fields
8. Fundraising Committee report: Margarite Stever (Margarite has put out a bunch of feelers. Bob Wolfe with Always Buying Books issued a challenge; if Margarite gets 3 donations, then he will donate a \$50 gift certificate. Margarite is looking for items like a subscription to Scrivener, Walmart gift card, critique services for up to 3000 words, etc.)
9. Newsletter report: Kimberly Pennell (The newsletter is in progress. Kimberly has requested photos from members' events be sent in for inclusion.)
10. Old business:
 - a. Planning for April Zoom conference. Veda has agreed to speak. Need to aim for at least 4 more speakers/panels. (Margarite said Lori Copeland may agree. Linda said Liz Shulty may do it. Summer said she would ask Mandie Tepe, D.A. Gordon, and Brandon Sanderson to speak. The April conference will be on April 24th via Zoom starting at 10 am with a lunch hour and ending at 3 pm with social time afterward.)

- b. We have a contract in place for the October conference. It will be at the Camden Hotel. Lodging rooms will be available on the 22nd and the meeting room will be available on the 22nd and 23rd. (Margarite said speakers have been paid \$200 to \$250 plus room, travel, and lunch to speak at in-person conferences in the past.)
- c. Chuck Sasser and John Cawfield, pseudonym J.C. Fields, have agreed to speak at the October conference. Thank you, Bonnie! Still need more successful authors, editors, agents. Brainstorm?
- d. Still needs duties descriptions for art contest director and youth contest director. If anyone has held any of those offices or positions, please send what you would have wanted to have going into that position to Duke@Pen-L.com.

11. New business (Summer agreed to speak for a lunch and learn and serve as a backup just in case anyone ever cancels at the last minute. She can also post OWL events with Connect2Culture.org if given a month's notice. Ronda mentioned we could do a Friday Night 5 Minute Read. Margarite mentioned a live with Q&A in the chat.)

- a. Report on Happy OWLer and Mini-Workshop: Ronda Del Boccio (Ronda said the Happy OWLer meeting via Zoom was successful in January. Ronda will automate a "Here's what you get with your membership" email. Summer said reminders of meetings are helpful, especially since they are virtual and easy to forget. Duke suggested that Ronda be in charge of sending the welcome email. Margarite moved. Bonnie seconded. The motion passed.)
- b. Welcome message to new and/or renewing members. Who and what?
- c. It was suggested we hold more than two conferences in 2021. A meeting on June 26th (the last Saturday in June) should work. Discussion and suggestions (The pros and cons of having a third conference was put off until 2022. Duke suggested we table it. Ronda motioned. Bonnie seconded. The motion passed.)
- d. Suggest next virtual board meeting be held at **6:30 PM on Tuesday, March 9**. Discussion? Alternatives? (Linda moved. Rochelle seconded. The motion to accept passed.)
- e. Any other new business?

12. Request motion to adjourn (Bonnie moved. Linda seconded. The motion passed at 7:24 pm.)

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