

Ozarks Writers League

Board Meeting Minutes

Via Zoom on June 9, 2021

Attendance: Veda Boyd Jones, Russell Gayer, Margarite Stevers, Ronda Del Boccio, Summer Farnsworth, Bonnie Tesh, Duke Pennell, Diana West, Rochelle Wisoff-Fields

- 1) Approval of April minutes: Veda moved to accept and Bonnie seconded. Motion passed.
- 2) Committee reports
 - a) Treasurer's report: (Attached.) Summer moved to keep seven years of print records and Veda seconded. The motion passed. Summer moved to maintain seven years of treasurer's records. Veda 2nd; motion passed.
 - b) Membership Committee report: Bonnie Tesh. When to remove name tags and forms? Margarite moved to discard tags and forms from members who have not attended or paid dues for five years. Rochelle seconded. The motion passed. Bonnie suggested that members fill out the membership form and we create a directory. Russell said he would bring a laptop to do onsite forms at the October conference. It was suggested that we email a membership list.
 - c) Writing Contest Committee report: Ronda Del Boccio. Ronda is keeping track of entries.
 - d) Historian report: Linda Runnebaum — add to duties keeping a list of speakers and topics OWL has hosted? Also photos? Bonnie reported that she was able to get a hold of Faye Pfister. Faye will go through Fred's things.
 - e) Art Contest Committee report: Rochelle Wisoff-Fields. Rochelle reported that the art contest went well. Prizes were delivered with ribbons. The board discussed limiting the number of art submissions next year. Russell questioned the viability of the art contest without a sponsor. Bonnie said the bylaws speak to creativity of all kinds. Veda read the OWL mission statement which includes writers, photographers, and artists and is Ozark centric. Margarite mentioned that the OWL logo has a pen and a paint brush. Bonnie said the anthologies in the past have used art from the contest. Duke suggested we keep paying prize money next year because if we promote the art contest, then we may increase our submissions, as well as membership. Diana said we need more promotion.
 - f) Fundraising Committee report: Margarite Stevers. Margarite has sold 24 raffle tickets. Ronda offered to include a promotion for the raffle in the next email.
 - g) Newsletter report: Kimberly reported that the next issue will come out in September.
- 3) Old business:

- a) October conference, October 22-23, Camden Hotel in Branson, virus permitting. Speaker line-up to date: Duke says there are no changes. He hasn't yet heard back from Alik Barnstone.
 - b) Report on last Happy OWLers and Mini-Workshops: Ronda said there are links to YouTube of the events from the Facebook page. She said Cassandra did a great mini-class in May. Duke will ask Kimberly to include the link to the videos in the newsletter.
- 4) New business:
- a) Duke asked for input on replacing non-participating board members. Russell motioned to email the board members a list that we will discuss in moving inactive board members to only committee positions or removing them. No vote was taken.
 - b) The board discussed the nominating committee. Bonnie recommended that the committee have three members. The discussion was tabled. Bonnie will draft an email requesting volunteers and Ronda will send it.
- 5) Suggest next virtual board meeting **6:30 PM on Wednesday, July 14**. Discussion?

Board Members

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

Committee Chairs

Website: Ricky Yates	Contests: Ronda Del Boccio
Membership: Bonnie Tesh	Newsletter: Kimberly Pennell
Fundraising: Margarite Stever and John Crawford	Historian: Linda Runnebaum
Youth Writing Contest: April Brock	