

Ozarks Writers League Board Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2021, via Zoom

- 1) Attendance (see board member list next page)
- 2) Approval of minutes from last meeting (Margarite moved to accept, Diana 2nd, passed)
- 3) Treasurer's report: Russell Gayer: Bank balance \$6,028.90. Of that, \$700 is earmarked for writing contest prize money. So far, 5 people have sponsored contest categories (Ronda moved to accept, Bonnie 2nd, passed)
- 4) Website Committee report: Ricky Yates (Rochelle will send Ricky the new rules for the virtual art contest.)
- 5) Membership Committee report: Bonnie Tesh (41 to 43 members 4 new, though we had 67 in 2020)
- 6) Writing Contest Committee report: Ronda del Boccio (Ronda will get the rules and descriptions typed, edited, and sent to Ricky for the website. Aug 31st is the entry deadline. Diane will sponsor a contest.)
- 7) Historian report: Linda Runnebaum (Fred Pfister passed away, we need to get OWL stuff from his widow.)
- 8) Art Contest Committee report: Rochelle Wisoff-Fields (Russell motioned that \$100 be used on cash prizes, certificates, and ribbons. The contest chair decides how to split it up. Bonnie 2nd, motion passed. April 15th submission deadline. \$15 fee to submit unlimited entries.)
- 9) Fundraising Committee report: Margarite Stever (Sell raffle tickets. \$50 Red Lobster gift card. \$50 Olive Garden gift card. 2 \$50 Walmart gift cards. Bob Wolfe with Always Buying Books will likely donate the \$50 gift certificates. Duke offered to critique up to 3000 words. Ronda will donate a memory book with a \$60 value. Debated the pros and cons of how much to charge for the raffle tickets \$2-5.)
- 10) Newsletter report: Kimberly Pennell (The newsletter should go out on Friday.)
- 11) Old business: (April 23rd open mic social via Zoom at 7 pm. Diane Yates will mc/host it.)
 - a) April 24th Zoom conference. Schedule so far: (Ronda will record each speaker for YouTube. Summer submitted the information to connect2culture.org's calendar of events.)
 - (1) Should we add another slot to make up for late start? Another speaker or panel? An audience participation exercise? (\$100 Margarite will ask Sharon Kizzia-Holmes to give her Big 5 to self-pub presentation from 3 to 3:45 pm.)

- b) October conference (Discussed and tabled for the next meeting 1st pages reading and critique and/or book blurb critique and/or tag lines and elevator pitches.)
 - a) 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.
- 12) New business
 - a) Report on last Happy OWLer (next week) and Mini-Workshop (end of the month): Ronda
 - b) Suggest next virtual board meeting be held at **6:30 PM on Wednesday, April 7.** Discussion? Alternatives?
 - c) Any other new business? (Rick bio info updates on website for the speakers.)
- 13) Request motion to adjourn (Margarite moved to adjourn, Veda 2nd, passed at 7:49 pm)

Board Members:

X = Present

X Veda Boyd Jones	X Russell Gayer	X Ricky Yates
X Margarite Stevers	X Ronda del Boccio	X Diane Yates
X Summer Farnsworth	Brenda Black	April Brock
John Crawford	X Linda Runnebaum	X Bonnie Tesh
X Diana West	X Rochelle Wisoff-Fields	X Duke Pennell

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