

Ozarks Writers League

Board Meeting Minutes

6:30 pm, October 13, 2021, via Zoom

Attendance: Duke Pennell, Ronda Del Boccio, Summer Farnsworth, Russell Gayer, Veda Boyd Jones, Margarite Stever, Linda Runnebaum, Diana West, Rochelle Wisoff-Fields

- 1) Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm.
- 2) Approval of September minutes (Ronda moved, Linda 2nd, motion carried)
- 3) Treasurer's report: Attached. Balance as of 08/31 is \$8,156.31 with \$1,700 committed to writing contest. President's debit card: Duke doesn't have nor need one from Arvest.
- 4) Committee reports:
 - a) Webmaster: No report from Ricky. Ronda followed up on old OWL websites owned by other people. No one except those site owners have any control over what is shown there, but there is no likelihood of people being confused into thinking they are at a current OWL website, so we can stop worrying about that.
 - b) Membership: Russell says we have 77 members.
 - c) Writing Contest: Ronda said she has all the winners tabulated. She will be printing the certificates soon and will get the list of winners to Russell so he can print checks and get them in the mail.
 - d) Historian: Linda is still digitizing documents. She requested if anyone has anything not found in the OWL newsletter to please send it to her so she can add it to the archives. Ways to safeguard the archives were discussed. Zip drives, external hard drives, cloud storage, multiple people having access were all mentioned.
 - e) Art Contest: Rochelle said nothing new to report. As we get closer to the spring conference, that will change.
 - f) Fundraising: Margarite reported OWL has sold 243 tickets to the raffle.
 - g) Social Media: Ronda reported the Owlies and the Open Mic at the fall conference are free and open to the public. She suggests all of us try to invite non-OWL people to attend, since that would be a good way to introduce new people to OWL.
 - h) Nominating: Russell is still working on it. Veda Boyd Jones volunteered to be treasurer. Russell will not be chairing the nominating committee next year.
 - i) Newsletter: Kim will continue doing the newsletter. It will be coming out soon. More kudos are welcome, or anything else coming up.
- 5) Old business:
 - a) October conference: Duke reported that all speakers have confirmed their talk titles and their attendance. Ronda confirmed she will be handling the recording of all talks, and she

will be available if any speaker has technical problems. Summer volunteered to have a talk ready if needed. Her topic will be the importance of email newsletters and how to use the StoryOrigin app.

6) New business

- a) Duke suggested that getting the new slate of officers and board members filled is the only thing we need to concentrate on at this time.
- b) Suggest next virtual board meeting be held at **6:30 PM on Wednesday, November 10**. Summer motioned, Margarite 2nd, motion passed.

7) Request motion to adjourn. Ronda motioned to adjourn, Veda 2nd, motion passed at 7:05 pm.