

Ozarks Writers League

Board Meeting Minutes

6:30 pm, September 8, 2021, via Zoom

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

- 1) Meeting called to order at 6:37 pm.
- 2) Approval of August minutes (Rochelle moved, Bonnie 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: Ricky: Duke asked about the old WordPress site. Lou Turner ran it, and Ronda will contact her and ask her to kill the site. Diana said the old info causes problems with contest entries.
 - b) Membership: Bonnie said OWL has 75 members.
 - c) Writing Contest: Ronda said there are 162 entries from 29 entrants
 - d) Historian: Linda Runnebaum
 - e) Art Contest: Rochelle Wisoff-Fields
 - f) Fundraising: Margarite Stever: Bonnie reported for Margarite that \$183.11 has been raised by raffle ticket sales. Russell's \$50 check is coming in soon. Can she reply with confirmation from Bud?
 - g) Social Media: Ronda said Facebook events—Happy Owlers and Mixers—are open with sign-ups; Owlies and the Open Mic at the fall conference are free and open to the public.
 - h) Nominating: Russell is working on it. Joy Keeney might agree to be membership chair. Rhonda Harvey would be a good treasurer.
 - i) Newsletter: In progress.
- 5) Old business:
 - a) October conference: Duke emailed all of the speakers and 2 of them have replied. Bonnie asked about Diane's publisher Gina Wellborn. Duke said she perhaps could do virtual pitches on a different day. Summer offered to do a backup presentation in case one of the speakers could not present. She will email Duke with a proposal.
- 6) New business
 - a) Duke proposed to amend the bylaws to allow board members to hold office longer. Bonnie questioned if this would affect OWL's tax-exempt status. Duke will check the bylaws. We may need an attorney. Ronda recommended fresh blood for the board.

Bonnie said that turnover on the board is important to keep limits on officers, especially the treasurer.

- b) Duke asked that the board members read over the leadership manual and send him any corrections or comments.
 - c) Proposal to reduce 2022 membership dues to a one-time half price (\$15) for current members to make up for lack of in-person conferences. Bonnie motioned for an early bird price of \$20 on dues paid before January 1, 2022. Diana 2nd, motion passed.
- 7) Suggest next virtual board meeting be held at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, October 13. Bonnie motioned, Ronda 2nd, motion passed.
- 8) Request motion to adjourn. Ronda motioned to adjourn, Bonnie 2nd, motion passed at 7:49 pm.