

**Ozarks Writers League
Board Meeting Minutes
6:30 p.m., October 12, 2022, via Zoom**

Attendees: Duke Pennell, Bonnie Tesh, Cindy McIntyre, Larry Wood, Ronda Del Boccio, Veda Boyd Jones, Diana West, and Rochelle Wisoff Fields.

1. Duke called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.
2. Approval of the September minutes. Ronda motioned to approve, and Diana 2nd. All were in favor.
3. Treasurer's Report (Veda Boyd Jones) New Report attached. \$8261.06
4. Committee Reports
 - a. Webmaster (Duke) Updated to include the conference information. Send Duke any updates.
 - b. Membership (Joy) No report.
 - c. Writing Contest (Bonnie-Ronda) Friday night of the conference will be the 'OWLIES,' a red-carpet style event. 207 entries, 35 paid contestants, and one person entered over 20 categories. One winner will take away \$395. Veda will have individual checks ready for each. And after the conference, the website will announce the winners.
 - d. Youth Writing Contest (Cindy) Flyer has been shared online and sent out to several locations. In addition, one poetry entry has been received. Many members helped to spread the message.
 - e. Art Contest (Rochelle) Ronda to help spread the news about the OWL logo contest.
 - f. Historian (Linda) No report.
 - g. Fundraising (Ronda) Everyone agreed that the TV would be the only BIG ticket prize at the conference.
 - h. Social Media (Ronda) Sharing updates about mixers, contests, and conferences. Emailed members to inform them that the 1-page critique session at the conference is closed.
 - i. Nominating Committee (Larry) Margarite Stever knows someone who may serve as a chairperson for the newsletter. Kim has researched online ideas as well (coming soon).
 - j. Newsletter (Duke) Kim researched online examples of newsletters and will share ideas soon.
5. Old Business

The Fall Conference will be at the Honeysuckle Inn, October 28-29. Information is on the website showing all Speakers that are lined up.
6. New Business
 - A. Setting up a sound system at the Honeysuckle Inn. Rochelle will make arrangements.
 - B. Snacks for the Honeysuckle Inn. Duke will bring fruit, nuts, and water if other members get additional items.
 - C. Book Tables at the Honeysuckle Inn. Eight people have reserved spaces. If needed, they can share space.

- D. Voting on by-laws on October 29. Keeping the founders in mind, the OWLS will seek flexibility with seven reliable board members.
- E. Tabled the discussion of meetings held outside of Branson.
- 7. The next virtual board meeting will be Wednesday, November 9, at 7:00. A change from 6:30 p.m.
- 8. Ronda motioned to adjourn. Rochelle 2nd, all were in favor.
- 9. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.