

**Ozarks Writers League
Board Meeting Minutes
6:30 pm, August 10, 2022, via Zoom**

Attendees: Duke Pennell, Joy Keeney, Russell Gayer, Cindy McIntyre, Larry Wood, Ronda Del Boccio, Veda Boyd Jones, Diana West, Bonnie Tesh.

1. Duke called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm.
2. Approval of the July minutes. Russell motioned to approve, and Veda 2nd, all were in favor.
3. Treasurer's Report (Veda Boyd Jones) Report attached. \$7665.01. Veda deposited \$75 in membership and contest fees on 8/10/22.
4. Committee Reports
 - a. Webmaster (Duke) Continuing to update the OWL website. Duke added information on updates for the fall conference with dates and locations. The link to the 2022 contest is live.
 - b. Membership (Joy) Reported OWL with 3 new members bringing a total of 84 members.
 - c. Writing Contest (Bonnie-Ronda helping) 23 paid submissions have been categorized and organized. Bonnie posted on Facebook to spread the word. Ronda is also using social media to encourage more entries.
 - d. Youth Writing Contest (Cindy McIntyre) Each board member will notify their local schools. Cindy agreed to act as chairperson and receive the entries. She will revise flyer with the new dollar amounts of \$50, \$25, and \$10, and include the new category: a favorite holiday memory, which Russell will sponsor. Larry and Veda will sponsor the others. The contest starts with the opening of school with a deadline of November 15. Prizes to be announced in February.
 - e. Art Contest (Rochelle) no report.
 - f. Historian (Linda) no report.
 - g. Fundraising (Ronda) Ronda purchased a Kindle Fire 32" TV on Amazon Prime day (\$100) for the raffle in October. Tickets will be sold to raise money.
 - h. Social Media (Ronda) Sharing updates about mixers, contests, and conferences.
 - i. Nominating Committee (Larry) Discussion of which board members at large could be added and if an election is necessary. Bylaws to be studied. Joy may step down from membership committee chair.
 - j. Newsletter (Kim) Asking for a new editor. Ronda offered to ask OWL members.
5. Old Business
 - a. The Fall Conference is moving back to the Honeysuckle Inn, October 28-29.
 - b. Costs: \$200 Speaker (\$100 OWL members), \$0 panelists. Other expenses on the agenda. OWL will pay for travel, lodging, and 2 meals for non-members, not for members. For travel, a trip of over 400 miles will be paid \$100.
 - c. Four speakers are confirmed for the conference.
 - d. Panel on First Page of WIP (Duke, Larry, Veda). Work out the details to send OWL members' information on how to email the three panelists at least 30 days before the conference.
 - e. Send ideas for entertainment for Friday night. Most want to gather for the contest award ceremony after dinner on their own. No president's award is to be given this year.
6. New Business (None)
7. The next virtual board meeting will be Wednesday, September 14, at 6:30.
8. Ronda motioned to adjourn, and Veda 2nd, all were in favor.
9. The meeting adjourned at 8:01pm.