

Ozarks Writers League
Board Meeting Minutes
6:30 pm, February 9, 2022, via Zoom

Attendance: Duke Pennell, Russell Gayer, Veda Boyd Jones, Cindy McIntyre, Diana West, Joy Keeney, Bonnie Tesh, Linda Runnebaum, Rochelle Wisoff-Fields, and Ronda Del Boccio

1. Meeting called to order at 6:32 p.m.
2. Approval of January minutes. Rochelle moved, Diana 2nd, motion passed.
3. Treasurer's report: Veda said currently: \$7661.33 as of 2/7/22.
4. Committee reports:
 - a) Webmaster: No report from Ricky.
 - b) Membership: Joy shared that 52 people have paid for 2022. Veda said this number may increase to 58 paid. Using Excel, Joy will add columns for email, address, and phone numbers to the membership information.
 - c) Writing Contest: Bonnie said 4 sponsors have paid and 13 have promised to make payments. Bonnie would like to reach 20 category sponsors.
 - d) Youth Writing Contest: no report from April.
 - e) Historian: Linda is still digitizing items and working with Ronda.
 - f) Art Contest: Rochelle continues working on an "in-person" art contest and believes she has found a judge. And on Amazon, she located unmarked ribbons in 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and Best in Show (purple) she can use. She will use the format of matting and rules previously used.
 - g) Fundraising: OWL still needs a new chairperson.
 - h) Social Media: Ronda continues to send emails about membership and mixers.
 - i) Nominating: (Russell) still asking for help.
 - j) Newsletter: Send Duke or Kim updates or articles for the newsletter. Due out the last of March.
5. Old business:
 - a) The Barrington Hotel in Branson is locked in for April 22-23, 22. We are in need of one more speaker for the conference. Bonnie will reach out again to her friend with a Hallmark connection.
 - b) Continue to share speaker ideas with Duke if you have them. An email has gone out with the agenda and guest speaker line-up.
 - c) Non-members used to be able to attend conferences for \$10. Discussed increasing to \$20. This may increase membership. Russell moved, Veda 2nd, motion passed.
 - d) To reserve a room, call the Barrington Hotel for a special room rate using the code: OWL042222 (on email/agenda).
6. New business:
 - a) The OWL website will switch to a new host. It should be up and running soon.
 - b) Veda is storing some OWL supplies (projector, lectern). She would like to arrange for transferring of these items—possibly bringing them to the Branson conference.
6. Duke suggested the next virtual board meeting be held at **6:30 PM, Wednesday, March 9, 2022**.
7. Veda moved to adjourn, Linda 2nd. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:10.