

Ozarks Writers League

Board Meeting Minutes

6:30 pm, January 12, 2022, via Zoom

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

1. Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. Approval of December minutes
3. Treasurer's report: Veda said currently: \$7484.18
4. Committee reports:
 - a) Webmaster: No report from Ricky.
 - b) Membership: Joy shared that 52 people have paid for 2022.
 - c) Writing Contest: No report from Ronda.
 - d) Youth Writing Contest: Via email from April, no youth entries were received by the deadline but if they came in postmarked by the deadline they would be valid.
 - e) Historian: Linda is still digitizing items.
 - f) Art Contest: Rochelle is working on an "in-person" art contest and finding a judge. She will also consider an online contingency plan by February.
 - 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 for the newsletter. The sooner the better since our conference is fast approaching. Russell suggested hosting a 100-word flash fiction contest as well as a Members Spotlight (non-board members). Russell suggested Gary and Bonnie mentioned Margarite for the upcoming newsletter. All members were in favor.
5. Old business:

The Barrington Hotel in Branson is locked in for April 22-23, 22. We are still in need of speakers for the conference. Bonnie will ask a friend with a Hallmark connection. Russell will ask a teacher of literature. Continue to share ideas with Duke if you have them.
6. New business:
 - a) Looking to move our OWL website to a new company, Dream host. This will allow board members access to an email address within the website.
 - b) Russell mentioned updating the website to include Joy's name and address in place of his.
6. Duke suggested the next virtual board meeting be held at 6:30PM, Wednesday, February 9, 2022. Veda motioned, Joy 2nd, motion passed.
7. Meeting adjourned at 7:21.