

**Ozarks Writers League  
Board Meeting Minutes  
6:30 pm, July 13, 2022, via Zoom**

Attendees: Duke Pennell, Joy Keeney, Rochelle Wisoff-Fields, Cindy McIntyre, Larry Wood, Ronda Del Boccio, Veda Boyd Jones, Diana West, Linda Runnebaum.

1. Duke called the meeting to order at 6:36 pm.
2. Approval of the June minutes. Diana West motioned to approve, and Larry 2nd, all were in favor.
3. Treasurer's Report (Veda Boyd Jones) Report attached. \$7562.56.
4. Committee Reports
  - a. Webmaster (Duke) Continuing to update the OWL website. Veda made a motion to change the OWL logo and Rochelle 2nd. All were in favor of giving him a "feather lift." Rochelle willing to chair the logo event and do a popular vote open to the general membership.
  - b. Membership (Joy) Reported OWL with 81 members.
  - c. Writing Contest (Bonnie with Ronda helping) 12 paid submissions that have been categorized and organized. Still spreading the word via social media.
  - d. Youth Writing Contest (board acting as chair) will open the submissions up in August/September when school begins and will do the awards in April. Diana will share ideas. Considering gift cards as the prize money.
  - e. Art Contest (Rochelle) Looking for ways to increase interest. (OWL logo contest)
  - f. Historian (Linda) Still digitizing. Looking for photos to send to the newsletter to capture, "Who's this OWL?"
  - g. Fundraising (Ronda) Ronda discussed purchasing a Kindle Fire 32" TV on Amazon Prime day (\$100) for the raffle in October. Larry made a motion to approve this and Veda 2nd and all were in favor. Tickets will be sold to raise money.
  - h. Social Media (Ronda) Sharing updates about mixers, contests, and will update about the logo contest.
  - i. Nominating Committee (Larry) Many of the people serving have agreed to return to a second term. Six members make a quorum. Four more board members at large could be added.
  - j. Newsletter (Kim) Send updates to Duke or Kim.
5. Old Business
  - a. The Fall Conference is moving back to the Honeysuckle Inn, October 28-29.
  - b. \$200 Speaker Costs (Apple/Harris) See additional costs on the agenda
  - c. Additional ideas for speakers?
  - d. Linda to ask the author of "The Weight of Blood" out of Columbia who is known for her query letter.
  - e. Critique Panel (Fall Conference)
  - f. 1st page/250 words, double spaced, edited (critique panel)
    - i. Veda, Larry, and Duke to head this panel as editors
    - ii. Ideas for Friday night entertainment/conference?
6. New Business
7. If one OWL conference is held in Branson, the idea of having the conference anywhere in the Ozarks is plausible. Further discussion was tabled.

- a. The next virtual board meeting will be **Wednesday, August 10, at 6:30.**
- b. Veda made a motion to adjourn, Ronda 2nd, all were in favor.
- c. The meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm.