

**Ozarks Writers League**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**6:30 pm, June 8, 2022, via Zoom**

Attendees: Duke Pennell, Joy Keeney, Rochelle Wisoff-Fields, Cindy McIntyre, Larry Wood, Russell Gayer, and Ronda Del Boccio.

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm.
2. Approval of the May minutes. Russell Gayer motioned to approve, and Joy 2<sup>nd</sup>, all were in favor.
3. Treasurer's Report (Veda Boyd Jones) No report. \$7398.48
4. Committee Reports
  - a. Webmaster (Duke Pennell) Send photos to Duke to post for the website and newsletter. Look for the faces of OWL members to display.
  - b. Youth Writing Contest (April Brock) Due to health concerns, chair has asked to be replaced. The board tabled this to discuss when schools reopen. Russell suggested opening the contest in fall '22 and judging in spring '23. The board would share getting the information with each area school.
  - c. Writing contest: No report.
  - d. Art Contest (Rochelle Wisoff-Fields). Nothing to report.
  - e. Historian (Linda Runnebaum) Still digitizing items.
  - f. Fundraising (Bonnie/Linda) Preparing for the fall conference. Ideas needed for door prizes, raffles, and donations. Any thoughts on a cost-effective Kindle giveaway?
  - g. Social Media (Ronda) Posting about contests.
  - h. Nominating Committee (Larry Wood). Larry shared who has agreed to return as board members and officers for next term and those who will step into new positions if needed. These are the people he has contacted so far:
    - i. President–Ronda Del Boccio
    - ii. Vice President–Larry Wood
    - iii. Treasurer–Veda Boyd Jones (returning)
    - iv. Secretary–Cindy McIntyre (returning)
    - v. Webmaster–Duke Pennell
    - vi. Art Chair–Rochelle Wisoff-Field (returning)
    - vii. Board members returning: Diana West, Russell Gayer, Joy Keeney?
    - viii. Newsletter–open
  - i. Newsletter: Send photos of OWL members 20 years ago and do a “Guess Who” column.
5. Old Business
  - a. Still need to look at two or three venues for the Fall Conference and compare the size and price to the Barrington. Ronda volunteered to verify this information.
    - i. \$150 Barrington (small but available/reserved)
    - ii. \$250 Honeysuckle (accessibility a problem but good room size)
    - iii. \$400 Camden (guess on price/room nice)
  - b. Budget conference: Veda's inquiry forthcoming.
  - c. Ideas, topics, and speakers for the conference:
    - i. Ronda suggested gathering information about the guest speakers before conferences to encourage more to attend.

- ii. Rochelle's friend Phyllis Harris is interested in speaking
- iii. Panel on writing poetry (haiku?)
- iv. Audience participation (interactive workshops)
- v. (Russell) "The first five pages" of a WIP with critiques
- vi. Speakers-ask agents, editors, and publishers (share ideas with Duke)
- vii. Ronda will ask her friend Brian about speaking on writing a synopsis

6. New Business

- a. The board needs to find a new chairperson for the Youth Writing Contest. Cindy McIntyre suggested each board member share the writing contest with their area school districts until a replacement is found. The board agreed and said former youth chairperson, Diana West, can share her information and templates with the board so we can decide how to proceed in the fall when schools open.
  - b. The next virtual board meeting will be **Wednesday, July 13**, at 6:30 pm.
7. Ronda motioned to adjourn. Rochelle 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.