

Ozarks Writers League
Board Meeting Minutes
6:30 pm, May 11, 2022, via Zoom

Attendees: Duke Pennell, Joy Keeney, Rochelle Wisoff-Fields, Cindy McIntyre, Linda Runnebaum, Larry Wood, Veda Jones, and Diane West

1. Meeting called to order at 6:32 p.m.
2. Approval of April minutes was made. Linda made the motion, Veda 2nd, all in favor.
3. Treasurer's report: Veda said the balance is \$7284.05. Reports attached. A new tab has been added for 2023. Contests are included in the figures
4. Committee reports:
 - a) Webmaster: Duke plans to add photos of the conference to the website.
 - b) Membership: Joy Keeney. The Excel form includes phone numbers and addresses. There are 80 paid members currently.
 - c.) Writing contest: Bonnie Tesh. Ronda may help if needed by August.
 - d.) Youth writing contest: April Brock. Rescheduled for fall.
 - e) Historian: Linda Runnebaum. No report (still digitizing).
 - f) Art Contest: Success at the conference.
 - g) Fundraising: Bonnie and Linda with the board as chairs. At the conference, the OWL bags were sold for \$10, and the T-shirts for \$15. The raffle brought in \$112 (all raffle items were donated) and sales of bags and T-shirts brought in \$75.
 - h) Social Media: Ronda Del Boccio. Nothing new to report.
 - i) Nominating: Larry Wood. No commitments yet but terms go through the fall conference. He will make calls and email.
 - j) Newsletter: Kim wants more photos and articles.
5. Old Business:
 - a) Spring Conference
 - Pros: Excellent turnout and engaging speakers
 - Cons: Crowded spaces, hotel location
 - b) New Location for the fall conference?

The Barrington is already reserved for October. Renovations on the upper floor will take the room space from 55 to 75 headcount.
 - c) Have Branson members look into the Camden and Honeysuckle hotel locations for comparison on room rates and space available.
 - d) \$2000+ was spent on the conference. What is a reasonable amount going forward? This includes issues with speakers.
 - e) Concerns were brought up about the extra budget and space for tables the authors use for setting up books to sell. No action taken.
6. New Business
 - a. Veda to help Joy send out a membership list via email to double-check for correct information.
7. The next virtual board meeting will be **Wednesday, June 8, at 6:30 pm.**
8. Larry motioned to adjourn. Rochelle 2nd, all in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm.