

Ozarks Writers League
Board Meeting Minutes
6:30 p.m., September 14, 2022, via Zoom

Attendees: Duke Pennell, Joy Keeney, Cindy McIntyre, Larry Wood, Ronda Del Boccio, Veda Boyd Jones, Diana West, and Linda.

1. Duke called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.
2. Approval of the August minutes. Veda motioned to approve, and Linda 2nd, all were in favor. Note on Youth Contest gift card prizes. Duke to make up the difference between board approved and amounts on flyer.
3. Treasurer's Report (Veda Boyd Jones) New report attached. \$8,231.63 in account.
4. Committee Reports
 - a. Webmaster (Duke) Updated to include the conference information.
 - b. Membership (Joy) Reported OWL with 91 members in 2022 and six paid for 2023.
 - c. Writing Contest (Bonnie/Ronda) tabulating the results. 207 entries were received from 35 paid entries. October 1 is the judges' deadline. Planning for Friday night conference award ceremony in an 'OWLIES' red-carpet style event.
 - d. Youth Writing Contest (Cindy McIntyre) Flyer has been shared online and sent out to several locations. One entry has been received.
 - e. Art Contest (Rochelle) No report.
 - f. Historian (Linda) Still digitizing. Making arrangements to switch to a flash drive system.
 - g. Fundraising (Ronda) It was agreed that the TV will be the only raffle ticket prize at the conference.
 - h. Social Media (Ronda) Sharing updates about mixers, contests, and conferences. Cindy offered to help Ronda with sharing information on FB. Veda planned to email members.
 - i. Nominating Committee (Larry) Many of the people serving have agreed to return for another term. Other changes include Margarite Stever as a board member. In addition, Lindsay Hobbs, Mary-Lane (replacement for Bonnie), Annie Smith (member at large). Cindy McIntyre agreed to chair the Youth Writing Contest.
 - j. Newsletter: Margarite Stever will help find a new editor. Veda suggested posting a newsletter online. It would also be emailed as a PDF to members. Starting January, 2023, the deadline would be the 20th each month. It would be posted and sent out on the 1st.
5. Old Business
 - a. The Fall Conference is at the Honeysuckle Inn, October 28-29. Information on the website.
6. New Business
 - a. Article II & III of the OWL by-laws appears redundant. A proposal was made to have the flexibility for naming chairpersons. Veda motioned to amend Article II and Ronda 2nd. The unanimous vote followed.
 - b. A second question was raised about the by-laws: can a conference be held anywhere in the Ozarks or only Branson? The by-laws do not specify any location where a meeting must be held; it was decided that meeting locations could be anywhere the board desires. No vote was necessary.
7. The next virtual board meeting will be Wednesday, October 12, at 6:30.
8. Veda motioned to adjourn. Larry 2nd; all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.