

**Ozarks Writers League  
Board Meeting Minutes  
7:00 p.m., March 8, 2023, via Zoom**

Attendees: Ronda Del Boccio, Duke Pennell, Cindy McIntyre, Larry Wood, Veda Boyd Jones, Annie Smith, Diana West, Mary-Lane Kamberg, and Rochelle Wisoff Fields.

1. Ronda called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Approval of the agenda and minutes made by unanimous consent.
3. Treasurer's Report (Veda Boyd Jones) Newest report was attached to the agenda for unanimous consent.
4. Committee Reports
  - a. Webmaster (Duke) Send Duke any updates to include on the website. This consists of any kudos. Send kudos (via Veda), so Duke can get them online. Also, Duke will add speaker bios before the conference.
  - b. Membership (Mary Lane) A vote to offer Bud Hanks a life OWL membership was taken. All were in favor. Mary Lane will send out membership dues reminders when the conference nears. In addition, she will have printed forms at the conference (these are also online) if we need to direct any new members to them.
  - c. Writing Contest (Larry), Many sponsors committed to the same categories and have paid. Larry said he only lacks one area to reach the same number as last year. By April, he will gather the information on the final count of judges and categories. Currently, it is at 22. Ten sponsors have paid so far.
  - d. Youth Writing Contest (Cindy) Cindy plans to email the 2022 participants to thank them and encourage them to participate in the contest next year. Duke shared the write-up of the winners and a photo of Richland winners on the website.
  - e. Art Contest (Rochelle) This year's theme: Reflections. All rules are posted online. Still looking for a judge. Unfortunately, Madison Woods was unavailable, so a new judge is still needed. Will post and share this information again. Reaching out to the College of the Ozarks and the library for options.
  - f. Historian (Linda) no report.
  - g. Fundraising:
    - a.) Discussed placing a jar near the coffee pot during the conference.
  - h. Social Media (Ronda) Sharing updates about mixers, contests, and conferences.
  - i. Nominating Committee: no report.
  - j. Newsletter: no report
5. Old Business
  - A.) Reminder-Make your reservations for the Spring Conference, April 28-29. Room rates are \$75. On Friday night, dinner will be on your own. Several of us will be eating at 6 p.m. at the Little Hacienda (near the hotel). Some optional ice-breaker games will follow back in the conference room at the hotel at 8 p.m. Music will be provided by Jan. Bring snacks as you wish.
6. New Business
  - A. Conference lineup: Much of the morning is set up. After lunch:

- a. Art contest kickoff (judge)
  - b. Writing contest (Larry with the information)
- B. Ozark Hollow Pitches (15-minute intervals). Diana West agreed to shepherd this. OWL will sign-up via email.
- C. Duke agreed to help with the author's table. Those interested in this will reach Duke through his webmaster email.
- 7. The next Zoom meeting will be Wednesday, April 12, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. Please continue to use the same link.
- 8. The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.