

OWL Board Meeting Wed., April 12, 2022

We convened at 7 PM.

In attendance:

Ronda Del Boccio
Larry Wood
Veda Boyd Jones
Diana West
Rochelle Wisoff-Fields
Annie Lisenby-Smith
Duke Pennell
Linda Runnebaum
Margarite Stever
Mary-Lane Kamberg

Reports do not need approval as per Robert's Rules of Order as they are just reports.

March Minutes sent by Cindy McIntyre: Duke mentioned a couple of minor errors. Cindy had a death in her family and is not out of town to be with her family. Ronda will collect any corrections and send them along to Cindy when she's back home. Ronda took tonight's minutes for Cindy.

Treasurer's report: Veda submitted it ahead of time.

Spring Conference:

Hotel: We have 24 rooms reserved, some of them for both nights.

Pitches: 4 signed up so far.

Committee Reports:

Membership - Mary-Lane: We have 80 members as of today. Mary-Lane asked about name badges. These will be the sticker type available at an office store. Mary-Lane will get them and submit the charge to Veda for reimbursement.

Photography Contest- Rochelle: We have a judge named Debbie Field, who is an amateur photographer with over 20 years experience photographing local events. Rochelle, Duke and Ronda will bring paper clips for people who might have forgotten/not read the rule. Veda will make out checks minus the names so they can be awarded at the conference once the judge selects a winner. Rochelle will print off certificates and report the names of the winners to Veda for logging.

Writing Contest - Larry: The only category without a sponsor is the O'Henry contest. Ronda paid \$100 and left a category open in case something like this happened and will use her sponsorship for that category.

Historian – Linda: Documents from Fred Pfister should be brought to the Spring conference to give to Linda.

Webmaster – Duke: The website is working and up to date. Veda asked about a domain name renewal notice. Duke said he has it on auto-renew and submits the invoice to the treasurer when it comes in, so this was probably a phishing expedition.

Newsletter: Ronda reported that John Cawfield submitted a newsletter that she and Duke did not approve for the following reasons:

1. He included extensive information about 2 other conferences, including their speakers and agendas in the middle of our newsletter. Ronda advised him that a small listing about other writing events with the conference location, dates and a link for more information is acceptable, but nothing more.
2. He had put his own kudo in red while all others were in black.
3. He included a helpful tool for making book cover graphics but included 3 large images of his newest book cover from various angles as examples of what one can make, thus being self-promotional rather than informational.
4. He had the old OWL logo in the masthead.

Ronda and Duke will review his next attempt.

Fall Conference Ronda talked to Kristine at the Honeysuckle Inn and they have October 27-28 available. This does not conflict with OWFI. Duke moved to accept those dates and Larry seconded. The board voted unanimously to accept the dates and location.

Our next meeting is May 10 at 7 PM

[:https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81726859610?pwd=VUI6VnUreFFvUlpyY05EdGV0UnNZUT09](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81726859610?pwd=VUI6VnUreFFvUlpyY05EdGV0UnNZUT09)

Meeting ID: 817 2685 9610

Passcode: OWL

One tap mobile

+13017158592,,81726859610#,,,,*588724# US (Washington DC)

Meeting ID: 817 2685 9610

Passcode: 588724

Find your local number: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81726859610?pwd=VUI6VnUreFFvUlpyY05EdGV0UnNZUT09>

This meeting happens the 2nd Wed of each month at 7 PM via the same link.

YOUTUBE PLAYLIST of OWL board meetings

(Unlisted, just for the board.

<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLpXdRkCBYeID6RhWqFPpwrE1VkjEVRC1o>

Respectfully submitted,

Ronda Del Boccio, President, on behalf of Cindy McIntyre