

**Ozarks Writers League
Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 13, 2023, via Zoom**

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

1. Ronda called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Approval of the agenda and August minutes were made by unanimous consent.
3. Treasurer's Report (Veda Boyd Jones). The report was attached to the agenda and made by unanimous consent. Checks for the adult writing contest will be written before the conference.
4. Committee Reports
 - a. Webmaster (Duke): Duke will update OWLs on the change of venue to the Grand Plaza Hotel. He will share a link, grandplazabranson.com, to hotel information and room reservations (\$69). Continue to send in updates that need to be included on the website. Send any kudos (via Veda), and then Duke can upload them.
 - b. Membership (Mary Lane): An updated roster has been emailed to members. It includes 114 members (16 from VLWP).
 - c. Writing Contest (Larry): There are 25 categories in the contest this year, and 211 entries were received. One writing area took in 40 entries.
 - d. Youth Writing Contest (Cindy): The flyer was edited with the help of Kim and Duke and has been shared many times on social media. Please help share the news. A press release version will be updated and emailed for everyone to share with newspapers, librarians, teachers, etc.
 - e. Art Contest (Rochelle): No contest until 2024.
 - f. Historian (Linda): No report. Boxes coming to the conference.
 - g. Fundraising: No report.
 - h. Social Media (Ronda): Sharing updates about mixers, contests, and conferences. Mary-Lane helping via email.
 - i. Nominating Committee: No report. Officers will need to be elected at the conference.
 - j. Newsletter: Currently, no editor. Although there is no editor, Margarite offered to create a newsletter for the conference.

Old Business:

Upcoming conference dates: October 27-28 and April 12-13, 2023

October Conference lineup confirmed:

- k. Synova Cantrell: *The Marketing Game*
 - l. Alan Roth: *screenwriter*
 - m. Steve Weigenstein: *POV*
 - n. Panelist: *Making Money Writing*
5. October Conference:
 - a. Duke and Kim: book tables
 - b. The OWL's will celebrate the 40th anniversary and the OWLIES.

New Business:

6. Due to a code violation at the Honeysuckle Inn, President Ronda Del Boccio had to make a last-minute venue change from the Honeysuckle to the Grand Plaza Hotel.
7. The Conference Room at the Grand Plaza Hotel is the Sunset at the cost of \$200. Room Rates are \$69, which includes breakfast.
8. Conference Suggestions:
 - a. Door Prizes: Board members to bring items to donate
 - b. Bring your own coffee. Restaurant on-site
 - c. Snacks: Board members may donate. Duke to provide bottled water
 - d. Shepherds for speakers:
 - i. Diane Yates/Alan
 - ii. Ronda Del Boccio/Synova
 - iii. Larry Wood/Steve
9. The next Zoom meeting will be Wednesday, October 11, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. Please continue to use the same link.
10. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.