

Gulf coast Writers Association
Executive Committee Meeting minutes
June 16, 2015
Fairfield Inn

President Gary McLouth called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM. Committee members present were Irene Smith, Don Capelli, Judy Loose for Alice Oldford, Jennifer Fitzgerald, Mike Neal and Barbara Burnett for Cyndi Anthony.

Gary announced that we would highlight the webmaster and website for the next two months at the general meetings to familiarize ourselves with the rebuilt site. Everyone will fill out a new bio online and Jennifer Fitzgerald, webmaster, will present a 5-10 minute video at the general meeting.

Mention was made of the supply closet we used to have and what ever happened to it. Mention was also made of the need for an inventory of our supplies. No action was taken.

Discussion was held regarding moving the end of the writing contest up to Dec. 1. Gary can book the Alliance for the Arts for \$35 for the awards meeting. Gary proposed these changes, seconded by Jennifer. We talked of having a pre-writing contest presentation at the October general meeting covering: how to submit to the writing contest, formatting, editing, and researching. Many previous entries had to be returned because of failure to adhere to the guidelines.

Michael Neal offered to move the October speaker, Ryan Van Cleve, to January in order to make room for the pre-writing contest presentation.

We discussed IRS mileage reimbursement. Michael Neal moved for .36/mile, seconded by Jennifer Fitzgerald. Motion passed.

Don Capelli stated \$1800.31 was taken in during the period of May 1-31 in membership dues.

Irene Smith reported we have 248 members, but lost 66 to non-renewals, leaving 180 paid members.

Judy recommended sending suggestions to Alice regarding the Writer's Workshop/Retreat in 2016. Pink Shell Resort's best prices are in Sept.

Judy suggested applying for a grant to cover a new wireless microphone/sound system. Don will research the best system for our needs.

We discussed advertising on a 501.c3 website and decided more discussion and information are needed, thereby tabling the issue for now.

Gary moved to adjourn at 7:03, seconded by Mike. Passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Burnett for Cyndi Anthony, Secretary