

Gulf Coast Writers Association
Executive Board Meeting
Minutes February 17, 2015

In attendance: Gary McLouth, Judy Loose, Irene Smith, Don Cappelli, Alice Oldford, and Richard Georgian. Guests: Jennifer Fitzgerald, Michael Neal

Meeting began at 5:40 pm.

Reports

Secretary: Richard made a motion to accept Minutes. Seconded by Don. Motion carried.

Treasurer: Don reported a beginning bank balance on January 1, 2015—\$10,227.78. Ending balance on January 31, 2015—\$11,857.57. Richard made the motion to accept treasurer's report. Judy seconded. Motion carried.

Don has investigated banks for a possible change and found that all offer approximately the same rates and services. We will stay with our current bank.

Membership: Irene reported that we have 225 members. Official count for the January general meeting (people who signed in) was 91. Irene explained that there are many people attending who don't sign in and we don't have actual numbers. She asked for an announcement asking attendees to sign at the break.

Publicity: No report given. Barbara Burnett was absent due to a death in the family.

Programming: Judy gave Denise Holbrook's report in her absence. Rik Feeney will speak at our June meeting. He will talk about publishing books online and follow up with workshops at FSW State College. Our speaker for July will be Jeremy Pilarski from FSW.

Special Projects: Alice reported that the **Digital Workshop** went very well. Joe Jacobson was a good instructor and the IP help supplied by FSW went above and beyond in helping the class. Good venue, good price, good support. Our only problem with workshops at FSW is the inability to schedule early. Our next digital workshop will be on Social Media.

Writing Contest: We discussed quality and quantity of entries. Alice will send form letter to winners and print certificates to be presented at the March meeting.

We will have 4 to 6 members manning the table at the **SWFL Reading Festival** to promote GCWA.

Webmaster: Judy discussed turning over management of the PayPal account to Don Cappelli. She also suggested that the next webmaster not be totally responsible for the bulk mailing of announcements to members.

Venue: The Facility Search Committee has not yet located a new venue for our monthly general meetings. Gary reported that the facility next door to the Alliance of the Arts has been cut into office spaces. Judy's current voting place is not available to rent.

Nominating Committee: Richard gave us the list of officers nominated for the upcoming year. Richard Georgian and Carol Drummond are leaving the Corporate Board. Pat Janda's term expires this year but she has agreed to stay on the board.

Executive Committee Nominees:

President — Gary McClouth
Treasurer — Don Cappelli
Secretary — Cyndi Anthony
Membership — Irene Smith
Publicity — Barbara Burnett
Special Projects — Alice Oldford
Programming — Michael Neal
Webmaster — Jennifer FitzGerald

Corporate Officers:

Tim Jacobs — term expires 2017
Nominees:
Pat Janda — term will end 2018
Larry Stiles — term will end 2018
Judy Loose — term will end 2017

Removal of Executive Committee members: We are adding the following to the GCWA Policies.

Any Executive board member may be removed from office upon vote of not less than two thirds (2/3) of the Executive Committee in attendance at a meeting where the voting occurs, provided notice of such proposed action shall have been furnished, in writing, to all members of the committee at least ten (10) days in advance.

Grounds to be removed as defined by Florida State Law:

- Malfeasance
- Misfeasance
- Nonfeasance
- Drunkenness
- Incompetence
- Permanent inability to perform official duties
- Conviction of a felony

Meeting was adjourned at 6:44 PM.

~Submitted by Judy Loose for Cyndi Anthony