

## GCWA General Meeting, September 19, 2015

Meeting called to order by President Gary McLouth at 10:04 am

President read an excerpt from a George Plimpton Paris Review interview with Tom Wolfe, the author of *THE BONFIRE OF THE VANITIES* and other books of fiction and nonfiction. The excerpt focused on Wolfe's views on the definition of the novel.

Following the reading, reports were given by each attending Board Member: Don Cappelli, Treasurer; Jennifer Fitzgerald, Webmaster; Barbara Burnett, Publicity. Info about the program of the GCWA cruise ship retreat, the forthcoming newsmagazine (newsletter), and the photo opportunity for members was shared with the membership. The treasurer cited the income and expense figures for the past month. Budget info can be found on the GCWA website.

G. McLouth reminded us of the October workshop, led by Bob McCarthy, which will follow-up on the August workshop. All of the details will be outlined on the GCWA website this week. Attendance at the August workshop is not required for attendance at the October workshop. Please consult the website.

Good News- five members offered their good news of publications.

Guests and new members- 5 participants introduced themselves.

Russell Miller—Guidelines for public speaking presentations were delivered by Russ Miller in his own Five Minute talk: "Speaking the Speech."

Jennifer Christianson-- GCWA member and GCWA retreat cruise travel agent outlined the travel and payment schedules for the April 2016 cruise. She encouraged members to reserve ship cabin space by making deposit payments during the networking break.

Break :10:50am

Program Meeting called to order by Mike Neal Program Chairman. (11:05)

Jodi Cohen on Improvisational Writing. The group went through a series of exercises to learn what this is and how to employ it in our writing. The program was a musing and unique.

Meeting adjourned by Mike Neal, Program Chairman at 12:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ben Feldman, Acting Secretary of the GCWA Executive Committee