

GCWA Executive Committee meeting minutes 11/17/15

Attendees: Gary McLough, Irene Smith, Judy Loose, Michael Neal, Barbara Burnett, and Michael Cole for Alice Oldford.

4:35 Call to order by President Gary McLouth

Move to accept minutes of previous general meeting by Michael Neal, seconded by Irene Smith - Motion approved.

Gary introduced Michael Cole to board members.

Michael Neal, program chairman, announced Ryan Van Cleave's cancellation as January speaker. He also asked what is expected of program chairman during awards ceremony on 2/20/16.

Follow-up on SWFL Reading Festival - no applicants. Only GCWA table will attend.

Gary spoke of next Saturday's general meeting that will take place at Covenant Presbyterian Church.

Agenda will include:

A presentation by Larry Stiles explaining the revision of bylaws.

New inter-communication roles between Corporate Board and Executive Committee: President of Executive Committee (Gary McLouth) to be ex-officio member of board with voting rights; Member of Corporate Board (Judy Loose) to become observer at Committee meetings with discussion but not voting rights.

Publicity will become Publicity and Communications.

Legal process to remove Board, Committee, and regular members.

Michael Neal presented a table showing percentages of member retentions and non-renewals.

Michael Cole brought up the question of sign-ups for the writing cruise. Board members previously approved subsidizing \$1500 only if twenty people signed up. As of this date, nineteen people put deposits down. He asked if the board would agree to cover an additional \$50. Jennifer Fitzgerald moved to amend the subsidy amount for the cruise speaker from \$1500 to \$1550. Gary seconded. Gary McLouth, Irene Smith, Jennifer Fitzgerald, and Barbara Burnett voted yea: Michael Neal abstained. Motion approved.

Committee discussed some kind of program for younger members. Barbara Burnett suggested email critiques by mentors.

5:47 Motion to adjourn by Michael Neal, seconded by Irene Smith - Motion approved

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Burnett, acting secretary