

## **GCWA Meeting**

April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 (Fairfield Inn)

(Minutes)

**Meeting called to order 3:15**

### **In attendance:**

Barbara Sanders, Michael Cole, Bob McCarthy, Irene Smith, Tim Jacobs, Larry Stiles, Pat Janda, Judy Loose, Don Cappelli, Jennifer Fitzgerald, and Geneva Kelly

**President- Don Cappelli opens meeting as new President.** Motion is set to approve last month's minutes. Irene approves motion and all are in favor.

**Corporate Board- Larry Stiles, Chairman introduces members of Corporate Board.** All are in attendance. Judy Loose, Pat Janda, Tim Jacobs, and Larry Stiles have all been on Board for 3 or more years. After today there will be one Corporate Board person at every meeting who will report back to the others. You can refer to them if you have any questions.

**Revenue/Expense Report-** Beginning Balance as of March 1, 2016 - \$12,774.66  
Ending Balance as of March 31, 2016 - \$13,827.67

### **Officers- Introduction of the new officers are made. New officers this year will be as follows:**

President- Don Cappelli	Secretary- Geneva Kelly
Treasurer- Mike Cole	Programs- Bob MacCarthy
Special Events- Gary McLouth	Membership- Irene Smith
Web Master- Jennifer Fitzgerald	Communications- Barbara Sanders

Bylaws have details on job descriptions. They should also be passed on by previous members.

### **Notes:**

- Budgets should be made and submitted by next month's meeting. Larry suggests meeting for budget only so everyone is aware how it works. Motion is made by Jennifer. All in favor.
- What kind of programs can be developed for youth? And could we use the \$100 donation toward that?
- Irene talks about how outreach to some local writers could be good for membership. We could offer them an Honorary Membership and have them do a talk or donate an article...
- Pat suggests consideration to giving more people a Lifetime Membership. (How often would we want to do that and could we develop criteria for it?) Possibly every 3 years
- Membership issue with PayPal ongoing...

- Bob goes over his plan for workshops/free writing and will submit program to Jennifer to put on line.
- Tim mentions service available for bagels and fruit \$25 each meeting (Get with Gary). (Other possibility is giving someone free membership to handle coffee and water.)

**Webmaster- Jennifer says some of the servers seem to be blocking the newsletter from going through.** We also may want to consider if we want our presence on more social media to reach a younger audience. (Possibly consider Twitter/Pinterest) Considering changing picture for website but our welcoming Blurb for website could use an update as well.

**Old Business- Word Song still needs someone to edit/and to take charge of.**

Also, when you want to respond or send emails to any officers you will need to hit the link [Executive@gulfwriters](mailto:Executive@gulfwriters).

**New Business- Next month each member will submit something they would like us to consider for the upcoming year.** This will create a list of ideas and help for the budget.

Meeting adjourned at 4:41pm.

Submitted with best regards,  
By: Geneva Kelly 4/14/2016