

**GCWA Meeting - March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
(Covenant Presbyterian Church)

Minutes

**Meeting called to order at 10am**

Gary starts meeting discussing the last year, and thanks officers for the great job they've done. Mentions plans for year ahead, and idea introduced by Bob McCarthy to incorporate more workshops.

**As an organization we have:**

- Partnered with Keiser University to judge their writing contest
- Been a part of The Southwest Florida Reading Festival
- Had our own writing contest, and award ceremony
- Had some good speakers, workshops, and had new members join
- We also work with other writing groups, and have done some outreach.

**What can we do better this year ahead?**

- We can try other ways to fix email issue (People are not getting Newsletter)
- We can continue to keep good records for budget and how money is spent.
- Think of creative ways to promote youth outreach. (Promote youth issues)

**Meeting turned over to Larry Stiles, Corporate Director.**

Larry calls Tim Jacobs to give financial review for 2014-2015.

**Tim reports all finances are good.** March 10<sup>th</sup> the Financial Committee accepts report. As of February 29<sup>th</sup> the Beginning Balance in account was \$13,377.30 and ending balance was \$12,774.66.

Irene Smith is called to speak and calls Karen Auriti, Tom Nelson and Pat Janda to stand. (They were the nominating committee for the last year and will continue in 2016.)

**Larry follows up with 2 part vote.**

-Judy Loose is nominated for Director (3 year position). All members in favor.

- Executive Committee candidates and positions, are introduced. There are no nominations from the floor. A motion is made to accept the slate by acclamation.

As of April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016, the following officers will take positions:

President- Don Cappelli,                      Secretary- Geneva Kelly

Treasurer- Michael Cole,                      Webmaster- Jennifer Fitzgerald

VP Programming- Bob McCarthy              VP Special Projects- Gary McLouth

VP Membership- Irene Smith              VP Communications- Barbara Taylor Sanders

**The chair entertains a motion to adjourn. Meeting is adjourned.**

**New members are acknowledged and then good news. (Announcements can be sent to website)**

*-Networking break before speaker-*

**Sid Simons takes the stage. (Getting Unstuck)**

**Sid asks members to get their belongings and move to someone they don't know.**

Three questions follow and after each question is a discussion with partner.

**Members respond well and meeting is ended with the thoughts on:**

Why do you write? What do you want out of it?

Meeting adjourned at 12pm.

Submitted with best regards,

By: Geneva Kelly 3/27/2016