

Gulf Coast Writers Association  
Executive Board Meeting  
Minutes March 24, 2015

In attendance: Gary McLouth, Barbara Burnett, Irene Smith, Judy Loose, Denise Holbrook, Cyndi Anthony, Alice Oldford, Don Cappelli. Richard Georgian, Corporate Board

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 by President Gary McLouth.

Gary gave each person present a copy of the Annual Report. Gary will read the President's Cover Letter and state that personal statements from each board member will be posted on the website. An actual financial report will be included for the 2014-2015 year.

The order for the Annual Meeting was discussed in detail and it was decided that we would do announcements, committee reports, and a welcome to visitors (leaving out Good News Reports) before beginning the election. After the networking break the writing contest winners will be announced.

### **Reports**

**Secretary:** Gary made a motion to accept Board Minutes. Seconded by Richard. Motion carried. Judy made a motion to accept General Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Denise. Motion carried.

**Treasurer:** Don reported a beginning bank balance on February 1, 2015—\$11,837.57. Ending balance on February 28, 2015—\$12,096.37. Denise made the motion to accept treasurer's report. Alice seconded. Motion carried.

**Membership:** Irene reported that we have 238 members. We had 83 members present at February's general meeting.

**Programming:** Denise has a meeting scheduled this week with her successor, Michael Neal. Speakers have been confirmed through the month of August. Denise suggested having a committee to deal with survey input. She also mentioned that we need to redesign our next critique workshop and try to provide more time for the groups to work together.

**Special Projects:** Alice reported that the table set up at the **Reading Festival** went well. She was pleased with the ones manning the table. She praised Jennifer FitzGerald for her help. Gary and the volunteers set up a raffle to give away books that were donated by members. The leftover books will go to a local library. Alice stated that the storytelling tent was a great success. The largest attendance consisted of aspiring young writers.

Alice suggested that we plan a local writer's retreat and workshop in April, 2016 instead of a writer's conference.

**Writing Contest:** The winners of the writing contest will be announced at our general meeting this Saturday. First place winners will read their prose.

**Publicity:** Barbara has sent press releases and announcements to area newspapers and magazines.

**Webmaster:** The Annual Report 2014-15 will be posted on the website. Judy's successor will be Jennifer FitzGerald. Judy is leaving the executive board after many years of service. She will be joining the corporate board.

**Closing Remarks:** Richard expressed his pleasure in serving the past eight years and suggested that the board think about implementing educating helps during our general meetings (Spelling Minute, Grammar Minute, Round Robin Writing, etc.)

Richard made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Judy. Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cyndi Anthony, Secretary