

## **GCWA Meeting**

March 22, 2016 (Kristoff's)

(Minutes)

### **Meeting called to order 3:05pm**

Last meeting with current officers.

### **In attendance:**

Tim Jacobs, Gary McLouth, Mike Neal, Bob McCarty, Jennifer Fitzgerald, Larry Stiles, Don Cappelli, Irene Smith, Mike Cole, Barbara Burnett, and Geneva Kelly

### **President- Gary opened meeting with discussion on how the group has grown in the last year.**

(Quick mention of sending flowers to Denise Holbrook. Her mom passed.) Gary will do it.

There have been several accomplishments over the past year and as an overall group, we are going in the right direction.

- We were a part of: The Southwest Florida Reading Festival
- Partnered with Keizer University on their Writing Contest
- Had our own writing contest and did something different to present and award the winners.
- Had some good speakers, workshops, and new members joined...

Looking forward to using the talent that is in the group in the year ahead.

### **VP/Treasurer- Don Cappelli hands everyone statements.**

Starting balance is 13,377.30 and ending balance is 12,744.66 after expenses.

Topic of how the books are done is discussed and there is a slight conflict as to how the reports are getting done, if something is missing, and if we should be using a software program.

We paid for QuickBooks but it may be too much time involved to use right now.

### **Programs- Mike Neal talks about the difference of the Corporate Board/ Executive Committee.**

Corporate Board has to approve any decisions made by the Executive committee.

### **Webmaster- Jennifer says there is still a problem with members getting the Newsletter.**

Every server works different and some may be going into a folder or drop box no one sees.

To solve the problem: Do we want to send snail mail to list of people?

Jennifer asked people who were members in the past: What did we not provide you?

Several said that it felt like speakers were just there to promote their own work.

(Something to think about)...

Bob McCarthy proposed workshops geared to a finished product that can be entered when it is time for our Writing Contest. Also handed out flyer and everyone seemed to agree it may be a good idea.

**April 1<sup>st</sup>, officers will switch. A new budget will go in to affect. (Keeping it the same)**

**Corporate Board- Larry goes over the format for the meeting on Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup>.**

Irene will be introduced and the elections will proceed. He will ask for any nominations from the floor and if there is one in any category, a full vote will be conducted.

Then, the speaker, Sid Simon will follow.

**Membership- Irene says there were 35 responses to the letters Larry mailed out.**

**Publicity- Barbara is happy to be stepping down after 5 year term.**

The publicity and Communications role will be changing. (Merging)

**Motion-** Tim made a motion to have large bin from past secretaries sorted through. The necessary info will be taken to Staples and put on a flash drive. Jennifer seconds the motion. One general member and one board member (Tim Jacobs) will help Geneva do that.

Meeting adjourned at 4:22pm.

Submitted with best regards,  
By: Geneva Kelly 3/25/2016