

**GULF COAST WRITERS ASSOCIATION
GCWA Executive Committee Meeting
Location: Fairfield Inn Snack Area
Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2018**

Executive Committee Members attending: Bob McCarthy, Geneva Kelly, Mike Cole, Geri McArdle, Sloan Jordan, Arlyn Euken.

Absent: Don Cappelli.

**Corporate Board Member attending: Judy Loose.
Also attending: Jan Nieman.**

Acting President Bob McCarthy called the meeting to order at 4:31.

Minutes - November Meeting minutes reviewed & accepted.

Treasurer's Report - Mike Cole.

November & December finances reviewed. December 2017 balance \$8,610. Full reports will shortly be sent to all members.

Motion by Geri, second by Geneva to accept Nov. & Dec. reports, approval by all.

Program Report - Bob McCarthy.

Review of this month's general meeting speaker; payment of her plane fare to Ft. Myers agreed upon, unanimous approval.

Communications - Geneva Kelly.

Continuing actively on Facebook & regular outlets. Exploring several new local media outlets.

Special Projects - Sloan Jordan.

Full complement of writing contest judges soon to be complete.

To date 16 entries have been received for the contest.

Membership - Irene Smith.

Current membership at 154. Follow up contacts to recent general meeting completed. Full slate of 2018 officers complete.

Website Manager - Judy Loose acting website manager, will continue to post writing contest information & rules.

Will also continue to publicize need for volunteer to fill this position.

Old Business - Irene noted that the "short time readings" by members during the first hour at general meetings has been well received & will continue.

New Business - Judy presented writing contest procedures with changes, including deletion of procedure # 5 on winning entries' sponsors & prizes. Motion by Geri, second by Mike, approved by all, to accept the # 5 deletion. Other presented changes accepted with motion by Mike Cole, second by Bob McCarthy, approved by all.

Discussion continues on ways to attract new members, students and younger members. Related thereto, it was agreed that there will be no age minimum.

Adjourned at 5:35.

Respectfully submitted,
Arlyn H. Euken, Secretary.