

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes 02 11 2020
Gulf Coast Writers Association
Location: Fairfield Inn Snack Area
Tuesday, February 11, 2020

Executive Committee Members attending: Irene Smith (President), Tina McNeice (Corporate Board), Judy Loose (Website Manager), David Aiken (Membership), Geneva Kelly (communications), Michael Cole (Treasurer), Jan Nieman (Corporate Board), Patricia Wentling (Special Projects), Wilson Hawthorne (Secretary), Gwen Brown (Officer at Large), Christie Zarria

Meeting:

Irene called the meeting to order at 5:00pm. Minutes from November and January meetings were approved.

Communications Report: Geneva Kelly needs to find out if the youth judges are willing to become children's story judges for the upcoming writing contest.

Membership Report: David Aiken passed out GCWA business cards to members interested in giving them to prospective members. He said there were 3 new member signups at the January meeting. 65 members attended the meeting, but there have only been 23 renewals so far. The board decided that people should either pay their dues or start paying \$5 at the door to attend meetings starting at March meeting.

Web Report: Judy Loose gave the report. She said Bob McCarthy is working on written guidelines for selecting future speakers. Bob to discuss at next board meeting.

Treasury Report: Michael Cole gave the report report. In January there was \$2606.01 in revenue. This is \$4468.09 less than budgeted. Expenses in January were \$4010.64. This created a \$1403.73 loss for the month. The end-of-month bank balance on 1/31/20 was \$7138.48. Judy Loose moved to approve the budget report. David Aiken seconded the motioned. The budget report was approved.

Special Projects Report: Patricia Wentling gave the report. She discussed the process of printing the awards certificates and publishing the list of winners in Fort Myers Magazine. Judy mentioned that the Fort Myers Magazine needs an electronic listing of categories and winners in order to publish the results. Irene asked for menu suggestions for the writing contest awards ceremony. Judy suggested pot luck.

Judy Loose made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Patricia Wentling seconded. The Executive Committee meeting adjourned at 6:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

H. Wilson Hawthorne
Secretary, Executive Committee