

GULF COAST WRITERS ASSOCIATION
Executive Committee Meeting
Location: Fairfield Inn Snack Area
Tuesday, April 23, 2019

Executive Committee Members attending: Irene Smith, Ruth Klingenberger, Michael Cole, Judy Loose, Bob McCarthy, Patricia Wentling, David Aiken, Laura Nonemaker, Geneva Kelly, Al York. Members absent: Jill Jennings. Also attending: Sloan Jordan and Sharmin McKenny. No corporate board member attended.

President Irene Smith called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. A motion was made by Bob, and seconded by Trish to approve the agenda as presented. Unanimous vote – motion carried.

Minutes:

Irene introduced Ruth Klingenberger as the new recording Secretary. March Meeting minutes unavailable.

Communications (4th VP) – Geneva Kelly:

Geneva requested that the Executive Committee please use text messaging rather than e-mail as a means to contact her. She continues to contact as many free sources of publication to submit meeting and event announcements to reduce costs. Geneva seeks to elicit readership and increase modes of attracting new members. GCWA literature continues to be stocked in all public libraries. The cost of having a table at community events related to reading/writing prohibitive at this time.

Treasurer's Report - Michael Cole:

March Report and Budget Proposal for 2019-2020

3/31 balance reported as \$10,132.05; however prize checks for Annual GCWA Writer's Contest are not included in this March report. Michael initiated a brief discussion of the possibility of increasing membership fees for new and renewal memberships. He continues to work on evaluating sources of revenue for 2019-2020 budget, and is looking for ways to trim budget expenses. No formal proposal at this meeting. Motion to accept the March Treasurer's Report was made by Bob and seconded by Judy. Unanimous vote – motion carried.

Programming (1st VP) - Bob McCarthy:

Bob is in discussion with a speaker for the August meeting; possibly a ghost writer. He continues to work as the sound technician at meeting locations. Brief discussion of sound equipment available for purchase to enhance sound for meetings: 1) \$200 option at Sam's Club; and 2) \$430 Fender PA system at Guitar Center. More options to be investigated.

Special Projects (2nd VP) - Sloan Jordan:

One late entry was received, post-marked March 31st, and therefore ineligible for 2019 contest consideration. Sloan is to write a letter and return submission to author. April Contest Winners Reception: This event will be held at Seven Lakes Community, 1965 7 Lakes Blvd., on April 27, from 10 a.m. until 12 Noon. Refreshments previously approved by Committee. No printed

program planned for meeting. Judging ended in March. Twelve winners, three from out-of-state, will not be announced until Presentation on April 27th. Sloan requested volunteer readers to cover authors unable to attend so that winning entries will be read.

Membership (3rd VP) - David Aiken and Laura Nonemaker:
Sharmin McKinney, outgoing, reported we have 167 members, 43 unpaid. None were dropped for non-payment of dues. Sharmin will work membership table at May meeting with David in Laura's absence.

Website Manager - Judy Loose:
Winners of the 2019 Writing Contest will be posted on our website following the Winner's Presentation Reception. Executive Board Minutes to be posted as available, under reports, on website.

Next Meetings:

General Meeting and Reception, April 27, 2019 at Seven Lakes Community.
Executive Committee Meeting May 14, 2019

A motion was made by Bob, and seconded by Trish to adjourn the meeting at 6:07 p.m.
Unanimous vote – motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth M. Klingenberger,
Secretary