Executive Committee Meeting Minutes 01/12/2021 Gulf Coast Writers Association Location: VIRTUAL Tuesday, January 12, 2021

Executive Committee Members attending: Irene Smith (President), Judy Loose (Website Manager), Jan Nieman (Corporate Board), Wilson Hawthorne (Secretary), Geneva Kelly (Communications), Michael Cole (Treasurer), Christie Zarria (Special Programs), Bob McCarthy (Programs), Andrew Corlyn, Susan Grunin (Special Programs)

Meeting:

Irene called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm.

Approved November meeting minutes and October Treasurer's Report.

Geneva Kelly (communication): Boosted the contest on Facebook. Posted on online calendars, too.

Bob McCarthy (programs): Last Speaker (April O'Leary) suggested next speaker and a couple more. Appealed to us to find speakers... mentioned submitting contest entries electronically. Might post just the meeting speakers ZOOM video on Google Drive for members who request access.

Mike Cole (treasurer report): Presented both November report and December report. \$5962.87 balance at end of December. Plus, anonymous donation of \$1000! And \$100 donation.

Susan Grunin: Contest packages for judges will be ready soon. Cut-off date for entries should be Jan. 31. Discussed announcement date.

Christie Zarria (special projects): Figured out how to approve ZOOM attendees and eliminate the waiting room for general meetings. We have 22 people registered for Saturday. We've been getting contest submissions. Still looking for judges. People suggested a few names.

Judy Loose (web manager): Doesn't want to post the General Meeting ZOOM videos to the website because anyone could see them, members or not.

Irene: Still working on getting a screen for the new location. What do we do before the speaker? Good news from members? Promote the contest. We need to tell members that Board Members are leaving.

Irene adjourned the Executive Committee meeting at 5:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

H. Wilson Hawthorne Secretary, Executive Committee