

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes 02/16/2021
Gulf Coast Writers Association
Location: ZOOM
Tuesday, February 16, 2021

Executive Committee Members attending: Irene Smith (President), Bob McCarthy, (Program Coordinator), Judy Loose (Website Manager), Jan Nieman (Corporate Board), Wilson Hawthorne (Secretary), Michael Cole (Treasurer), Christie Zarría, David Aiken (Members), Susan Grunin (Special Programs)

Meeting:

Irene called the meeting to order at 5:10 pm.

Approved January meeting minutes. Approved December and January treasurer's reports.

David Aiken (members): 76 paid memberships (family memberships are counted as one) One member paid \$100. Can we apply the extra \$50 to 2022? Exec. Committee says yes. There are 100 unpaid ex-members.

Bob McCarthy (programs): Spoke about Saturday's meeting. Wants more involvement from local members who have skills and knowledge to share. Bob would like them to speak at meetings. Thanked Exec. Committee members who offered names of potential speakers... Maybe we should gather entries for the writing contest online.

Mike Cole (treasurer report): Sent a revised December report because the \$1000 donation needed to be entered in it. So, the balance is \$1000 higher. Michael reviewed the January report. Don't pay any more bills with PayPal. Balance \$7439.

Christie Zarría & Susan Grunin (special projects): The databases for the various writing contest categories have been collected. 15 fiction entries. 7 children's stories. 5 poetry entries. Non-fiction has 10 or so. Should have entries wrapped up in the first week of March.

Judy Loose (web manager): Do we have a meeting site? Irene: not yet, but she's working on it.

Irene: Maybe we should have a later meeting. Change it to 5:30. It is now 5:50pm... It would really help young writers if they started entering the writing contest... We should start a critique group... May have a new Secretary and two new board members.

Irene adjourned the Executive Committee meeting at 5:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

H. Wilson Hawthorne
Secretary, Executive Committee