



Gulf Coast Writers Association
Zoom Executive Board Minutes 04/20/2021

Meeting called to order at 5:41 PM by President Irene Smith. Minutes of the March meeting were approved as moved by Carol Kennedy and seconded by David Aiken.

Communications: Geneva Kelly reported posting a teaser on Facebook for the April Zoom meeting honoring winners of the GCWA writing contest. Certificates and blueberry farm vouchers for contest winners are ready. Judy Loose suggested inviting all entrants to attend the April meeting at no charge. Christie Zarría reported that most winners will read their entry piece by Zoom. Christie also suggested offering an extra blueberry farm voucher to the teacher as a thank-you for her efforts.

For the April meeting, Geneva reported that winners would be announced by category in order of placement [first, second, third] and each would be invited to read their entry. Christie reported that there were 14 youth entries – most from Dunbar. Adult winners would be announced after the youth.

Treasurer's report: Michael Cole reported a balance of \$8495.96, with \$440 income in March from dues and \$176 in expenses. Year to date there is a budget surplus of \$2009.93 because of savings on meeting rooms during Covid/Zoom. \$470 was collected in writing contest fees.

Membership report: David Aiken reported new members joining via email. Judy and David recommended allowing Jim Markette and Ronnie Walter to apply their two-year membership to the 2021 and 2022 seasons. Judy also proposed that speakers would be needed for May, July and October, suggesting that the sci-fi writer might be a prospect as a presenter.

Website: Judy Loose reported that the server for the website had been changed, enabling group emails to function again. Irene: need to sign in new corporate board members. Jan Nieman will run this change.

New business: DL Havlin's presentation from March will be mailed to Christie on a flash drive. DL also reported speaking to the sponsor of Mango Mania in Cape Coral. This two-day event in July will be an opportunity to market books, as the sponsor will allow a group tent for GCWA.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 PM.

Mary Charles, Secretary