

MINUTES
SLO NIGHTWRITERS BOARD MEETING

Meeting Date: Sunday, March 5, 2017

Time: 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Place: conference room

United Church of Christ

11245 Los Osos Valley Road

San Luis Obispo CA

Janice Konstantinidis, President

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Aarons, Jan Konstantinidis, Darryl Armstrong, Patricia Gimer, Susan Tuttle

MEMBERS ABSENT: Meagan Friberg, Joanne Feeney, Martha Raymond

GUESTS: Darryl Armstrong

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 1:15 PM

1. ACTIONS OR EVENTS OCCURRING SINCE THE LAST BOARD MEETING NEEDING TO BE ADDED TO THE RECORD:

- Payment of speakers and reimbursement of volunteers. Susan told the board that this matter has been addressed.
- Central Coast Writers Conference (CCWC) letter sent out. Dennis informed Janice that the letter has been sent out, but there is no reply as yet. Janice will reach out to CCWC
- Renewal for SLO Chamber of Commerce. Janice to handle renewal.

2. PREVIOUS MINUTES PRESENTED:

A motion was made by Jim that the board pass last month's minutes. Susan seconded. All the board was in favor.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT Janice Konstantinidis

The transition period for all our new board positions, including my own, has been very smooth.

Last month, I sent an email to all board members to inform them that I would be working on our writer's contest. NightWriters Golden Quill Awards.

The program, Submittable is up and running, ready for us to use. I have been in contact with a representative from Submittable so that I could learn more about it.

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The first thing we need to do is to decide on a theme. I would like you all to think about this, and send me your thoughts. We need to make some progress with the contest. We could vote about this by email if we can agree on a theme.

I am suggesting the theme of 'Diversity'. I am looking forward to hearing from you. I think it's important that we agree on a theme sooner than later

4. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT Martha Raymond

No report.

5. SECRETARY'S REPORT Jim Aarons

The board heard that Jim is working on an Agenda that is more responsive to the board's needs, facilitating timely review and allowing time for internal discussion.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT Susan Tuttle

No report.

7. SOCIAL MEDIA COORDINATOR/PUBLICITY/PROMOTION REPORT Joanne Feeney

No report

9. NEWSLETTER REPORT Susan Tuttle & Elizabeth Roderick

Susan told the board that the newsletter would be posted within the next week and that Elizabeth Roderick would take over the newsletter for the foreseeable future. Efforts will be made in the interim to train a back up editor to support Susan.

10. PHOTOGRAPHY REPORT Dennis Young

No report.

11. PROGRAMS REPORT Janice Konstantinidis

The programs are almost finalized for the year.

The board heard that Martha, Susan and Pat are working on a special 'In house' program for the general meeting in July. From what I have seen of the initial plans, we can expect a great night.

I would like to see at least one of these programs each year. A night of interactive critique and a panel hosted by NightWriter board members.

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12. WEBMASTER'S REPORT Janice Konstantinidis

I am in the process of updating the former Tolosa Press pages on the newsletter. The new name is: Simply Clear Marketing & Media.

I've created a new page on the website for the benefit of members who may like to know of upcoming events that they wouldn't be able to know about otherwise. This page has been created to focus on upcoming events, contests and other activities that our members may find useful. Please note that these events are not generated by the organization of SLO NightWriters.

SLO NightWriters has a policy of not advertising any non-organization material as a general rule. However, there are times when we become aware of something that our members may like to know about that doesn't favor or advance one person over another. It is in this spirit that I will keep this page updated for you all.

All suggestions are welcome. Each event, contest, etc submitted will be judiciously vetted. I will keep the page updated.

The board agreed that this is a good idea.

We have three new members this month. Nothing new to report on the membership.

13. TOLOSA PRESS Meagan Friberg

No report

14. CRITIQUE GROUP COORDINATOR REPORT Patricia Gimer

The board heard from Pat that she has already begun work with the critique groups; she has reached out to all the moderators; she intends to continue with this work to ensure that all critique groups run as smoothly as possible. Pat went on to say that she had been told that a written report was required and that she will submit one for the next meeting.

Janice asked Darryl Armstrong if he would take the position of member at large. Darryl said that he would.

Susan motioned that Darryl be accepted as member at large. Jim seconded. The motion was carried by the board.

There was a discussion among board members about the size of the board. A point was made that there are too few voting members on the board.

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The board decided that Darryl Armstrong and Pat Gimer would have voting rights.

Jim made the motion, Susan seconded and the motion was carried by the board.

15. OLD BUSINESS

Writing contest.

Janice will be the contest director for the the Golden Quill Awards 2017. We have a lot of work ahead of us, but Janice indicated that her first requirement would be that the board choose a theme for the contest. A list of themes was generated and these themes are: Diversity, Beyond, If I could do it again, Lie to me, Don't lie to me, Justice foremost, Retribution. Janice will send out an email to all board members asking for a decision about the theme. The board agreed that where there is a tie, Janice will make the final decision. Janice reported that she had been in touch with representatives from the program Submittable and that the program is ready to go when needed. The board decided that there will be three categories: Poetry, Fiction and Creative Nonfiction. Poetry will be a maximum of 40 lines and Fiction and Creative Nonfiction will be a minium of 500 words maximum of 1,500 words. Janice will advise the board of the progress of the contest.

16. NEW BUSINESS:

The board discussed the fact that several board members were finding it extremely difficult to attend board meetings and that a new day for the board meeting was needed. The evening of the last Tuesday of the month was proposed. Janice told the board that she would contact the office administrator of the Church of Christ to see if the proposed date and time is possible.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45pm.