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SLO NIGHTWRITERS BOARD MEETING

May 2, 2017

Meeting Date: May 2, 2017
Time: 6:30-8:30 p.m.
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: Janice Konstantinidis, Martha Raymond, Jim Aarons, Susan Tuttle, Meagan Friberg, Steve Derks, Darryl Armstrong, Pat Gimer

GUEST: None

MEMBERS EXCUSED ABSENT: Joanne Feeney

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:30 p.m.

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

A discussion was held about changing the existing venue for board meetings such that they would alternate between a venue in the North County and SLO. The board agreed that this would be expensive, given that we pay for the conference room in any case. It was agreed that the venue for the meetings would remain as is.

PREVIOUS MINUTES PRESENTED:

Darryl made a motion to accept the April minutes.

Susan seconded.

The motion was carried by the board.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: (Janice Konstantinidis)

1. Thank you to Elizabeth Roderick for taking over the role of Newsletter Editor. Elizabeth has advised we won't need to buy any new software for the newsletter at this time.

2. Thank you to Kalila Volkov for her many years as our Sunshine Chair; Kalila is stepping down. I am happy to report that Torry Dickinson has kindly stepped up to take Kalila's place. This change will be effective on May 18th. Torry can be contacted at: torrydickinson@gmail.com

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3. We welcome Steve Derks as Assistant Treasurer. Steve will be assisting Susan as we make the changes to our banking procedures to carry us into the world of internet banking.

Meagan proposed Steve be made a member of the board

Darryl seconded the motion

The motion was carried.

4. I am pleased to report that our second round table was a success at last month's meeting; Many thanks to moderator Rosie Makinney for her valued contribution.

5. I am unable to take on the role of contest director this year. I will continue to look for someone who can be director. It may be that we need to wait until 2018 to have the contest.

6. A request was made by a member if we could look at another venue for our general meetings. The member asked about a return to the PG&E building we formerly occupied. I am putting this on the table for discussion. There was a discussion held by the board about moving the venue. It was decided that the meetings would remain at the current venue.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: (Martha Raymond)

1. The new seating arrangement using the tables received many positive reviews, so I think we should keep it.

2. My attempt to recruit new members through the Cal Poly writing club has not yet born any fruit, though I am encouraged by Darryl Armstrong's scholarship idea. Darryl and Martha find different parts of SLO society and award scholarships, including the ability to attend critiques, and be involved in writing programs; useful to build membership. Darryl will get back to Board.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: (Jim Aarons)

Attached; no additions needed

TREASURER'S REPORT: (Susan Tuttle)

No report received.

Janice, Darryl and Steve are working to support Susan as they move toward internet banking. In addition, efforts are under way to have Janice added to the banking account.

SOCIAL MEDIA COORDINATOR/PUBLICITY/PROMO REPORT: (Joanne Feeney)

No report received.

NEWSLETTER REPORT: (Susan Tuttle & Elizabeth Roderick)

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The newsletter went out as usual.

PHOTOGRAPHY REPORT: (Dennis Young)

Pictures were taken at last general meeting and sent out to the webmaster and newsletter editor.

PROGRAMS REPORT: (Janice Konstantinidis)

All programs are on track for 2017; I am now looking ahead to 2018 and I have one speaker for January.

WEBMASTER REPORT: (Janice Konstantinidis)

We gained two new members this month.

There is nothing else to report.

SIMPLY CLEAR M&M/TOLOSA PRESS REPORT: (Meagan Friberg):

Story stats for April 2017

2 SLONW members' stories were published in Simply Clear in April

2 SLONW members' stories were sent to Simply Clear for publication consideration on 4/26/17 and 4/28/17

5 SLONW members' stories are currently in the process of being evaluated by the committee and will be sent back to authors with comments/suggestions soon

The board discussed the contribution made by Theresa Wilson and Brett Colhouer for their gracious support of SLO NightWriter's submissions.

CRITIQUE GROUP/WORKSHOP/CLINIC COORDINATOR REPORT: (Patricia Gimer)

Continued progress is being made toward the July 11, 2017 General Membership Panel presentation on Effective Reading and Critique Skills. Communications are on-going to help panelists clarify their roles. A joint meeting of panelists is planned for this month.

We are working with the following: to demonstrate Effective Reading technique - Rosie Makinney and Susan Tuttle; to demonstrate Effective Critique skills – Judythe Guarnara and Lillian Brown. These dynamic duos are currently meeting to coordinate their gigs. Chester Perryess has offered to be available should there be an unexpected absence of a panel member.

It has been suggested that pieces to be read/critiqued on July 11 be submitted prior to the General Meeting. The board discussed Pat's suggestions for the July meeting and it was agreed that there was no need for pieces to be read or critiqued prior to the July meeting.

The board agreed that Pat had done a great job. Since the last Board meeting, no requests for new

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critique groups or information regarding the formation of new groups have been received by this writer.

OLD BUSINESS: The board heard that banking matters were ongoing,

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Honorariums for speakers: The board discussed the matter of honorariums paid to speakers at the general meetings; customarily, none are paid.

Darryl moved the motion: If honorarium is required, it must be discussed and be approved by Board prior to securing a program speaker.

Martha seconded the motion.

All in favor; motion was carried

Susan moved the motion: Above policy regarding new program honorarium is entered into SLONW bylaws.

Patricia seconded the motion.

All in favor; motion was carried.

2. The Board heard that Janice will make every effort to find a contest director for the Golden Quill awards.

3. The Board heard a proposal by Janice that would reach out to Jay Asher to see if he would accept an offer from SLO NightWriters to fund a book signing in his honor with some refreshments; the venue for this was yet to be decided. Janice would get back to the board with her findings.

Susan made a motion that this be acceptable by the board,

Martha seconded the motion.

The motion was carried by the board.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:30 pm