

**LWWG Executive Meeting
Sunday 15 March 2015
Gaynor Library, Selkirk**

MINUTES

1. Move adoption of agenda with additions (Debra, Tyra).

2. Move adoption of minutes from February meeting (Richard, Tyra).

3. Treasurer's Report

Refer to Richard's 4 sheets (attached)

Current balance is \$2080.80

Move to pay Richard for stamps he purchased - \$8.93 (Debra, Tyra)

Move acceptance of treasurer's report (Debra, Tyra).

4. Web Page

We would like to add a subscription page for Voices. Marlene needs access to Paypal in order to do this. If we need to change info on the site, this should be brought up at a meeting for consensus before going on to Marlene. Establish an on-line forum to add new members and so remain current. This should be open to exec. only. Give members access to a members' section. Members are encouraged to check their writer profiles. Site must be monitored as well to ensure security. Debra is preparing several update pages to place on the site. Marlene got the Paypal account number. She has set up a Google calendar which all executive members may access. If the larger membership wish to add items please contact an executive member. Marlene has also set up a U-tube and a Facebook channel page. She will start these off using a video she did for Bill Martin.

5. Poetry Slam

The date is April 22nd. We need to decide what kind of event we wish to have. Debra suggests something fun, structured, prepared and not competitive at this point. Encourage memorizing, but have script at hand if needed. Negative audience participation is not encouraged, at least for now. A short portion of the evening *could* be a fun improv-competitive thing for anyone wishing to participate. Give out a former copy of Voices to each participant. Create a poster for the slam to circulate on-line and around the community. Marlene will make it available for down-loading on the website. This will disperse the marketing workload among the membership. Marlene will do a blurb for the paper. Should we get Bill to do a bit on U-tube to promote the event?

6. Writing Contest

A list of participants, judges and winners was distributed by Jeanne. To become more user friendly and so to increase participation we need to go on-line with the contest next year. We also need to get competition among-between the participants. For youth, this means getting teachers on side. Perhaps try an artists-in-the-school event. We need to automate the Paypal and entries for standard formatting on the net. Recommend setting up a special contest page on our site. Tyra is sending out the 6 photos submitted for the contest. Does not feel they are up to standard. She has others we might use. Tyra also recommends ralan.com as a useful site for publicity. When winners are posted invite anyone who is interested to serve on the contest committee. Thank yous need to be sent to the judges. We need to start selling the book on-line. Suggest \$5.99 as cost. Put a link to our poetry judge's site on our website. Put protection on all of the work that appears on our site. A

letter will be written to Kiwanis of Gimli and Riverton Elks (who each contributed \$100 toward the youth prizes), explaining that we had insufficient youth entries to judge them. Consequently, we will give them the option of returning their donations or of leaving them with us, with the promise on our part of developing new strategies to attract youth participation.

Move that cheques be written by treasurer for winners of contest (Jeanne, Marlene).

7. Membership

Inform former members of the changes to our organization and encourage them to consider rejoining.

8. Correspondence

Copies requested by the govt for issues of Voices for their archives.

9. Next Meeting and Place

Third Sunday of April (the 19th)

Save on room rental by asking for a room at a restaurant where we meet for lunch.

Location to be decided, possibly Scape at Wpg Beach

10. For further consideration

- To have a blog on the website or not?

-How else to attract membership, make money?

-What about a brag-information page (as in the former Currents)

Minutes submitted by Pam Larner

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