

Lake Winnipeg Writers' Group AGM Minutes

December 9, 2017

Meeting and potluck lunch held at the Henderson Library, Winnipeg, Manitoba

Submitted by Nancy Clark, pro-tem Secretary

Executive Members in Attendance: President – Maurice Guimond, Treasurer – Jeanne Gougeon, Secretary – Pam Larner, Voices Editor – Dorothy Adrian, Membership – Ann Timonin, Publication – T. Masters-Heinrichs, Director at Large – Helma RoggeRehders

Members in Attendance: Laura Tutlies, Trynda Adair, Brendan Terrick, Lary Haynes, Nancy Clark

REPORTS

Membership Report, Ann Timonim. Current membership numbers include the following:

53 Registered Members

28 Regular Members

2 Life Members

22 E-Members

11 Renewals

Ann mailed out ten copies of Voices and will be hand delivering several copies in Winnipeg

Treasurer's Report – Jeanne Gougeon

The Treasurer's full written report was submitted. Of note is that LWWG currently has \$1259.19 available for spending.

Voices Editor Report – Dorothy Adrian

The Editor's full written report was submitted. Highlights of Dorothy's report:

February 28, 2018 is the tentative deadline for the next issue of Voices. Longer prose must be sent well before this deadline to allow for enough editing time.

Dorothy and Tyra will be re-vamping the submission guidelines, but not likely until fall.

There are some important guidelines which must continue to be adhered to. Dorothy reminded writers: Double-space prose, poetry can be single-spaced and that cover art must be AT LEAST 600 dpi for front cover picture submissions.

Website, Ann Timonin

Ann reported that she will be working with the Webmaster. If any member has a suggestion, he/she is to send it to Ann.

Trophy

Noventis Credit Union donated \$175.00 in order for LWWG to purchase a trophy. This trophy was then purchased by LWWG.

It was suggested that the President send a thank you note to Noventis. The trophy will be on display at Noventis.

PayPal

This must continue to be on the "job list" for the new Treasurer

BUSINESS

The Minutes of the last meeting were unanimously approved

Ann has mailed out 16 issues of Voices and 6-7 will be delivered by hand

LWWG will not change its business address this winter. While Jeanne is on holidays, Tyra will pick up the mail which is located in Winnipeg Beach.

Membership will be done this year by Ann and Tyra

Website Recommendations, Ann Timonin

Ann listed several ideas which were discussed by the membership. Ideas included the Webmaster creating several links within the website such as linking books for sale and to Paypal. Also, that advertised events including minutes of meetings should be included in the website. Last, that the Featured Writer be done quarterly instead of monthly.

Contest

LWWG will have a writing contest this year. Jeanne mentioned the importance of the Contest Committee receiving the entries as soon as possible after they've been double-blinded.

Maurice asked the members if the Director of the Writing Contest could also be a judge, or should a more traditional approach of having outside judges take place. Discussion ensued. It was moved and passed that the Writing Contest will have an outside judge(s).

After discussion, it was moved and seconded that the contest fee be raised to \$30.00. A small fee would be added for each additional submission.

A deadline for contest submissions was not decided.

Tyra thinks we need a youth as well as adult contest, Maurice was not so such or this idea. More discussion will be necessary to decide what to do.

Maurice raised the question of whether or not LWWG wanted a separate set of submission guidelines for the contest, or just add a few things specific to the contest like name, address, email, phone number on first page only with Title on page 1 and 2 in order to blind the submissions. Maurice preferred the idea of contestants following the regular submission guidelines, plus the few extras.

E-Membership

Although no decisions were made, Maurice mentioned that LWWG should further discuss whether or not to continue E-memberships as they are very difficult to manage.

Correspondence

Jeanne stated that she had received correspondence from Nicole Fougere

Membership List

Nancy raised the idea of a membership list being made available to only paid members upon request. Considerable discussion ensued. It was decided that Ann will talk with the Webmaster about the idea of having a Member Page which would require a password to gain entry.

Publisher Costs

It was moved, seconded and carried that Tyra Masters-Heinrichs will be paid for publishing the last issue of *Voices*.

Dorothy and Tyra were recognized for their great effort in producing *Voices*. THANK YOU!

Nomination and Voting for New Executive:

President: It was moved, seconded and voted upon unanimously that Ann Timonin become President

Treasurer: It was moved, seconded and voted upon unanimously that Brendan Terrick become Treasurer

Secretary: It was moved, seconded and voted upon unanimously that Trynda Adair become Secretary

Voices Editor: It was moved, seconded and voted upon unanimously that Dorothy Adrian remain Editor.

Membership: It was moved, seconded and voted upon unanimously that Ann Timonin continue to be Membership Chair.

Vice President: It was moved, seconded and voted upon unanimously that Lindsay Ball become Vice President.

Directors at Large: Volunteers included Nancy Clark, Pam Larner and Helma RoggeRehders

Publication: It was moved, seconded and voted upon unanimously that Tyra Masters-Heinrichs remain Publication Chair

Contest Director: Maurice Guimond

Distribution of Voices (shared position): Tyra distributes Voices to McNally and Blaine's, Jeanne distributes to Tergesen's in Gimli and Laura is distributor for the West Beaches area.

Miscellaneous

Transfer of Signing Rights at Noventis Credit Union:

Names to be taken off include Debra Dusome and Jeanne Gougeon.

Names to be given signing rights include incoming President, Ann Timonin, Past President Maurice Guimond and Treasurer, Brendan Terrick

Passing of the Presidential Torch ... What will be the email address of the new President?

Door Prize: Trynda was the lucky winner! Thank you Laura and your friend for supplying this surprise!

Regarding the change of guard ... "A bloody coup d' etat," muttered an anonymous member, now a Past President. We don't know who this hard-working LWWG member is, do we?

Announcement from Helma RoggeRehders: Everyone is welcome to Wassail Night in Winnipeg Beach. Wassail Night is Saturday December 22, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Winnipeg Beach Community Centre which is in the town of Winnipeg Beach. There's to be cookies, Yule Log, Noel Punch and other goodies. Besides great food and drink there will be music, dancing, singing and generalized frivolity! No reservations required.

