

## Lake Winnipeg Writers' Group

Minutes Executive Meeting June 18, 2016

**Present:** Jeanne Gougeon, Debra Dusome, Ruth Asher, Conni Cartlidge, Helma Rogge-Rehders, Tyra Masters-Heinrichs, Pam Lerner.

**1. Adoption of the agenda:** Add book launch item by Helma, number 12 on agenda (Debra/Ruth. Carried).

**2. Adoption of the minutes:** (Pam/Ruth. Carried).

**3. Treasurer's report:** We have \$1264.02 in the bank. Deposits are from the poetry workshop and our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (Jeanne/Conni. Carried).

- Motion to pay Hignell invoice of \$1,447.99 for printing volume 16, No. (Jeanne/Debra. Carried)

- Motion to pay \$171. 20 to B.K. publishing for Volume 16, No. 1 sent to executive via email On June 23th (Jeanne/Ruth. Carried).

**4. Report on earnings for the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration:**

a) Reimbursement of spending, posters, tickets, etc. Ruth: \$29.99 (cheque #64) for the cake purchased. Jeanne: \$10 (cheque # 71) for the silent auction license. Motion to pay all outstanding 20th anniversary bills (Jeanne/Tyra. Carried).

b) Allocation of funds earned: what percentage should be dedicated to what? It was moved to allocate 1/3 of the profits from fund-raising and educational events for future LWWG educational events to the savings account. This amount will be reserved for future educational events. The remaining two thirds of profits would go toward publishing costs (to the chequing account). (Debra/Pam. Carried).

c) Voices - cost of printing, etc: Tyra offered to ask Hignell to decrease the cost of printing our journal. Several suggestions were made to economize on printing. Publish one e-book and one paper volume. Go to chapbooks.

Suggestions for raising funds: Have 1 fund-raising event yearly. A garage sale was proposed for next year. Tyra suggested doing it at Gaynor's.

**5. Web Maintenance:** Conni has done what she can, but there are some things that she can only Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Passwords are required to get access the rest of our web page.

Ruth has access to someone in Ohio who is willing to assist us. Wade Kemp is willing to do what we cannot do ourselves, for 5 to 8 hours per month, at \$10 to \$15 per hour. The need for Wade to do the site monitoring for Conni would decrease over time. He should be paid through Paypal and we need to move quickly on this.

Moved that Ruth hire Wade to do our website maintenance at \$12 USD per hour. (Ruth/Tyra. Carried).

**6. Report on Di Brandt Poetry workshop (e-memberships):** Based on the group assessment of the workshop, Ruth proposes a poetry circle to respond to interest expressed at Di's in-service. She will proceed with this idea on a once per month basis.

Several points were brought up during the ensuing discussion. What about Black Ink? Where do we go from here with it? How to get more workers involved? Debra's dream is a weekend retreat. Ruth noted that in organizing workshops for writers there are grant funds we can access, and so could organize both a spring and a fall workshop.

Motion to pay the following bills from the workshop: (Debra/Conni. Carried)

a) - Ruth, for refreshments	\$10.00 (ch. #64)
b) - Gaynor Library rent (reimburse Jeanne)	25.00 (ch. #75)
c) - Pay Di Brandt (travel \$280 & fee \$375)	655.00 (ch. #63)
d) - Reimburse Jeanne remaining food items	36.99 (ch. #72)
e) - Bill Marten for food tray	28.24 (ch. #73)
f) - Add in Enterprise (In future, <u>only</u> to do if the paper does an article on us).	78.75 (ch. #75).

**7. Write on the Lake Contest:** Although we have 3 adult and 3 youth categories, there are only six entries in thus far. We will at least offer editing services if we do not get enough entries submitted to run a contest. There is still over a month for entries to come in.

**8. Poetry Slams:** Posters need to be circulated constantly, particularly to libraries. They put our posters on their websites. Conni will take care of this, as well as approaching the Writers' Collective and the Writers' Guild. Note the dates for summer slams are now July 13th, August 17th and September 21st. Someone needs to talk to Scott about the subsequent three months. Suggestion was made to try a post card genre or short story for October instead of poetry.

**9. September event in Winnipeg Beach:** The harvest festival will run September 10th and 11th. The LWWG will have a presence there, doing Word Box for both children and adults and a story time for children. We will do an hour each day of the festival, the site will be the Winnipeg Beach book store. Debra and Pam will do the shift on the 11th. Jeanne and someone else on the 10<sup>th</sup>.

**10. Breakwater café – Tuesday nights:** Tyra will set up readings there, one Tuesday per month for July and August. Readings will be very improv, of 3 minutes duration and a mike is needed.

**11. Correspondence:**

- a) Gail Fine sent the LWWG a thank you. She read at our launch.
- b) Tyra - library of archives
- c) Enquiry from Harvey Jenkins
- d) From Mitchell Toews - Two submissions from him had to be removed because they had already been published elsewhere.

**12. Helma - Launch The Art of Play by Joan Stanford:** This event is being hosted by Nancy Hall at Helma's studio on July 24th. The LWWG is being asked to put our name on the advertising poster and to put on our website, "supported by."

**Adjournment:** 4:20pm

The meeting was at Pam's place, preceded by a potluck.