

LWWG Executive Meeting
June 14, 2015
4:00 p.m.
Debra Dusome's Place - Petersfield

Present: Richard Koreen, Jeanne Gougeon, Maurice Guimond, Pam Larner, Ruth Asher,
Debra Dusome

Regrets: Marlene Ness

1. Adoption of Minutes

A motion to adopt the agenda with amendments was made by Richard and seconded by Debra. The motion was carried. **Please note all agenda items or comments should be sent to Jeanne prior to the meeting so appropriate time can be set aside for the meeting.**

2. Adoption of Executive Meeting Minutes for May 24, 2015

Richard made the motion for adoption and Maurice seconded. All were in favour and the motion was carried.

3. Treasurer's Report – Richard

Richard distributed sheets of the deposits and expenditures plus a listing of monies brought in by various editions of Voices. There is still one outstanding cheque in the amount of \$75.00 from the contest that has not been cashed. The balance in our bank account is **\$954.60**. Richard made a motion to have his treasurer report accepted. Debra seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

4. Business Arising

4.1 Poetry Slams – Marlene is extremely busy with her two jobs. For now she will only be managing the website. Pam has talked to Scott at the Ship and Plough. Our dates will be: Wednesday July 15th with Ruth and Jeanne organizing and doing the M.C. work for the evening; Wednesday August 12th with Maurice acting as M.C. as long as this works with his work schedule; and Wednesday September 16th with Debra organizing and M.C.ing. Pam will confirm the dates with the Ship and Plough. We will be on the Ship and Plough calendar of events for July, August and September. All slam nights will start at 7:00

p.m.? Jeanne will take care of the poster for these dates. She will see if she can get the original from Marlene and then add the new dates. This poster will go up in the Ship and Plough, will be posted on the website, and will be sent to the entire membership. We ask that members make a commitment to attend the events and those members also invite friends to attend. Also if the members can post the posters in local stores and community bulletin boards this would also be helpful.

4.2 A request was made that writing activities continue over the summer. Consensus was that we would continue. There is a writing evening at Ruth Asher's on June 24th and the Poetry Slams will constitute our summer activities.

4.3 Kathe has agreed to act as Chair for the Contest Committee and Richard will be the executive liaison reporting on the work of the Committee. Richard has sent out material that will be sent to Marlene for the website and showed the group the contest Advertising Poster which is lovely. Discussion re; categories occurred with the group agreeing for Adult Fiction, Adult Poetry, and Youth Fiction. A discussion occurred about the idea for Fan Fiction re: writers using writing characters already developed by authors who have published their works and creating different stories with these characters. Group members felt the potential for copyright violations or lawsuits for using author works without explicit permission could pose difficulties for the group so decided to exclude this category. All the other categories are fine. Potential judges were discussed. Richard and Kathe will approach these individuals.

4.4 Editor's Report - Maurice

Maurice asked whether members have received his e-mails asking for submissions. He has received four entries thus far. If you sent in items for the last edition that were not included please resend. Maurice indicated that he had received Pam's submission. Pam commented that her name was spelled correctly once and incorrectly twice in the last volume of Voices. We need to proof more carefully. Maurice has asked that people send a new biography with submissions. Maurice will need to receive an updated membership list. Jeanne will resend once updates are made to the membership list.

4.5 McNally Robinson Sales Report – Tyra

Since Tyra was absent this report will be tabled until the next Executive Meeting.

4.6 Membership List

Richard and Jeanne will review the membership list to make sure it is current. Jeanne will then take the job of keeping it current until her term expires and our goal is to have a new person take over this responsibility at the A.G.M.

4.7 Bylaws and Policies – Letter to Membership Noting Changes

There are minor edits to be made to this document. Ruth Asher has the editing changes. She will send them out to the Executive prior to the final letter with changes being distributed to the membership via e-mail. Richard suggested that By-Laws and LWWG Policies should be reviewed each year prior to the A.G.M. The Executive agreed that this was a good idea.

4.8 Copies of Voices to Organizations that donated cash money for the writing contest

Pam will compose a thankyou letter to go to the Elks and the Kiwanis groups. Debra will give the letter and a copy of voices to the Riverton Elks and Suzanne will deliver the letter and copy of Voices to the Kiwanis club.

5 New Business

5.1 It is the LWWG 20th Anniversary next year. Debra will Chair a Committee to plan an event similar to our 10th Anniversary Celebration. At that time we had an afternoon tea and we served dainties. There were several short sets and a silent auction. We made a decent amount of money and everyone had a pleasant time. Timing for the event needs to be in May 2016. Pam and Ruth have agreed to be on this committee. Maurice indicated that we could look at themes around celebrations and anniversaries for the fall 2016 Edition of Voices. Debra will set a date for Committee members to meet and discuss ideas.

6 Correspondence/Other

Richard reported that due to illness that there will be no Black Ink Conference in the fall.

7 Meeting Adjourned