

Lake Winnipeg Writers Group AGM

Agenda for November 22, 2015

Location: Gaynor Public Library in Selkirk: Pot Luck 1pm, Meeting 2pm

Present: Marlene Ness, Germaine Gougeon, Maurice Guimond, Jeanne Gougeon, Debra Dusomme, Curtis Heinrichs, Pam Larner, Pat Narynski, Tyra Masters-Heinrichs, Ruth Asher via Skype.

1. **Adoption** of the 2015 AGM agenda (Pat, Debra. Carried).

2. **Adoption** of minutes from the 2014 AGM (Tyra, Marlene. Carried).

3. Reports:

a) President's Report. Refer to Jeanne's written report.

b) Treasurer's Report. Debra has continued as interim treasurer. Opening balance: \$2091.17 Closing balance: \$1222.06. She recommends improved tracking of deposit slips from different members and will be working on this. In sum: we aren't breaking even as yet. See Debra's written report.

c) Editor's Report. Maurice noted Improved quality, but also the need for a greater number of contributors and more art work. We need a theme for the anniversary edition. How about "*the best of LWWG writers?*" Maurice is willing to continue editing in 2016. See his written report.

d) Membership Director's Report. Jeanne read for Ruth. We currently have 56 members, with 27 of those regular members and 20 e-members. A simpler membership chart is now in use. See Ruth's written report.

e) Contest Director's Report. Ruth, Pam, Jeanne were the members of this committee. There were 20 participants, of whom only 2 were in the youth category. Efforts are being made to increase participation by facilitating on-line access to the contest. See Jeanne's written report.

f) McNally Robinson Report. We have had 2 successful launches this year, as well as that for the Voices 14-2 edition, containing work by 20 of our members. Attendance at launches has improved. A sales report from McNally is forthcoming. We want more contributors and more art. Voices is our main income and the way to let people know we exist. See the written report by Tyra for greater detail.

g) Mailing Report. Pat read for Anne Timonin. See the report for details.

Motion to accept reports as read, with the additions made. (Tyra, Debra. Carried).

4. Motions:

a) Tyra moves that E-membership be available for one year only and that E-members be sent a letter at the end of that year to encourage them to become regular members. Seconded by Marlene. Carried.

b) Jeanne move that a letter be sent to E-members, upon their becoming members, detailing the advantages of regular membership to encourage them to upgrade to regular membership. Seconded by Debra. Carried

c) Jeanne moves that should an Electronic Member take up any directorship position on the LWWG Executive that he/she then automatically become a regular member with no fee upgrade for their first year of service. Seconded by Ruth. Carried

d) Debra moves that Electronic Memberships be given out only to promote LWWG interests at LWWG supported events. Seconded by Pat. Carried

e) Tyra moves that the cost of e-membership be raised to \$15. Jeanne amended to making this begin in January of 2016. (Gerry. Carried).

f) Jeanne moves that we eliminate the Group Membership from our membership types. Pam seconded. Carried.

g) The motion to stop the practice of handing out subscription copies to regular members was discussed and then dropped.

h) Motion that was tabled at the Special General Meeting in May 2015:

_____ moves that the Past President (or designate) shall prepare a Slate of Candidates for the Executive positions prior to the elections in November. Debra feels this should be dealt with by the entire executive. Jeanne moves to drop the motion. Question from Ruth: "How do we manage this then?" If group is agreed, we all collaborate to formalize the slate of possible new members and positions. All present agreed.

5. Correspondence: None

6. Other Business:

a) List of pas members. Get current members to contact former members and in memoriam members' families for our spring edition of *Voices*. The theme of the issue will be our 20th Anniversary. Material from all members will be accepted for the anniversary edition, as well as contributions from past members. Cut-off date is mid- February and publication date is May.

7. Election of Officers

President - Jeanne will continue on as President.

Vice-president - .Marlene

Treasurer - Debra will continue as interim

Editor - Maurice

Secretary - Pam

Contest Director – Jeanne

Publications officer - Tyra will continue.

Adjournment 4:05pm