

Lake Winnipeg Writers' Group
Sunday, October 18, 2015
Executive Meeting Agenda

1. Adoption of the Agenda , with additions to 8, 9, & 11: (Motion Debra, Tyra. Carried).
2. Adoption of the minutes from the September 27, 2015 Executive Meeting: Ruth made a note of the correct spelling of Skype. (Motion Ruth, Germaine. Carried).
3. Treasurer's report:
 - a. The only expense this month was a cheque to Marlene for services rendered regarding the LWWG website.
 - b. The current balance in our account is approximately \$100 in excess of the September balance.
4. Subscription button on web page (Debra): Defer this item, as Marlene was not present today. Debra would like this to be done before winter to facilitate gifting of new copies.
5. Editor's Report: Proof reading was finished today during the first part of the meeting.
6. Contest Committee: Ruth, Tyra, Marlene, Jeanne. Ruth has obtained the services of Bev Greenburg for non-fiction, of Keith Cadieux for fiction and of Kevin Spenst for poetry. Jeanne noted that we should encourage entrants to register on-line. We will begin publicity January first. Entries will be accepted March first through July thirty-first. There will be monetary prizes for 1st and 2nd places, with honourable mention and no monetary acknowledgement.
7. 20th Anniversary (Ruth, Debra): Debra has the names of people involved in Voices back to 2004. She asks for our input as to who might be invited to our event. She will make up a template of names once she has a list. Jeanne asked Pam to contact Brian Kahler's family to see if they have writing of his they would like to submit and/or a write-up about Brian.
8. Poetry Slams future dates: November 18 (Marlene) & December 16 (Bill Martin). Helma says participants should learn their pieces by heart for more effective communication.
9. McNally Robinson launch date: This has been slated as November 15th at 2pm in the atrium. If you are going for lunch there you are advised to book ahead. Encourage your friends and family to come out. The atrium is a large area. Invite slam people to the launch. Let's work to get this issue on the McNally high sales list.
10. Sales Coordinator: When you sell a book, please contact Tyra and give the number of the issue. Tyra repeats her comment of last month. The person volunteering for the sales coordinator position receives one dollar for each book sold.
11. AGM preparations: The date is Sunday, November 22, 2015.
 - Try to find other executive members. Look for potential new members.
 - Someone to oversee elections. Debra will approach Nancy Clarke.

- Rent room in the Gaynor library, Selkirk. Potluck at 1:00. Elections at 2pm.
 - Print Nomination forms. Jeanne will take care of this.
 - A reminder that we **need reports from: Editor (Maurice), Voices Sales & McNally Robinson (Tyra), President (Jeanne), Contest (Jeanne), Membership (Ruth), Treasurer (Debra), Mailing (Ann Timonin), by the 10th of November.**
 - We need to discuss a date and a locale for our Christmas potluck.
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- We'll set up to Skype with absent members (Bring your laptops). Deferred to another meeting.
 - Motions for the AGM: There was considerable discussion on the 4 items distributed by Jeanne. Talk included - group memberships are not to the organization's advantage. Be an e-member for 1 year then become a regular member. A regular member actively participates in guiding the LWWG to reach its goal. The subscription can be a gift of time or talent, if money is an issue.
12. Correspondence: Debbie Okum will put everything from us on her website. We must see that she is informed. Send our information via Jeanne. Note that judge Kevin Spentst also puts LWWG information on his website.
 13. Move that Marlene's membership dues be passed as she donates a lot of her time on our behalf. (Tyra, Ruth. Carried).
 14. Helma offers the Red Barn as the site for future writer evenings. The first of these will be the one after that on the 22nd, which will be at Jeanne's.
 15. We will do a poetry workshop with Di Grant in the spring. Ruth will work at getting us a grant. Jeanne will check dates with Di before we confirm.
 16. Melanie Matheson would like to do a presentation to our club. This would probably be in January. The MB Writers' Guild is kindly disposed toward the rural writers.

Adjournment 4:15.