

ALBERTA ROMANCE WRITERS' ASSOCIATION
Board Meeting
Saturday, February 11th, at 9:00 AM
Board Agenda for February 11th, Meeting

1. **REVIEW AGENDA**
2. **REVIEW MINUTES FROM Saturday, January 14, 2022**
3. **TREASURER'S REPORT**
4. **OLD and CONTINUING BUSINESS**
 - a) Use of St. Mark's Manor – update
 - b) Visioning session – review the survey
5. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a) Anything to add...

Called to order at 9:05am

Present: Darlene, Wendy, Tammy, Jessica and Vi

Present by Zoom: Bret, Diana, Rachel, Randi. Joined later by zoom David Colpitts

Minutes of January meeting presented. Moved Jessica, seconded Diana they be accepted. Passed.

Quorum--Yes.

Treasures Report: presented by Darlene

Petty Cash	\$77.75	
Paypal	\$217.16	
Visa	00	
GIC for Visa	\$1000	
GIC Savings	\$10095.78	
Cheq Acct	\$10496.78	2 out standing cheques for WWC table and Carla's honorarium each \$100
		Balance of Che Acct 10296.78

Insurance changed name from SM1 to Sandbox

Society's Act confirmed receipt of annual return. Copy on file.

Moved Jessica, seconded Bret that the report is accepted. All in favour.

Old Business

a. Use of St Marks

Credit held by St Marks was not sent to Bret so balance not known. Bret will follow up. Possible credit till June???

--currently pay \$1400 a month for 2 sessions per week paid in advance for year.

--unknown what fee would be per month if only 4x per year.

--right now \$70 per meeting

--possible other locations---

Old King Eddy school

Co-op's

Libraries

Century Box

--will be followed up

b. Visioning Survey

Each point was gone through.

--how to create a community on zoom and have a social aspect of the group.

--Jessica commented that zoom hinders discussion as it isn't the same as an in-person meeting

--Diana commented that the Tuesday night mini group has worked well with good discussion and not workshop based (medical group). 10 people joined and 5 submitted proposals and the others were nearly ready so group extended till end of February. A short story group has been proposed for March with aim to write for Treasures and several people want to join.

--Bret will look into different software that might work better than zoom.

--Jessica commented that she likes the short story idea but every Tuesday too much. She like the mini support group.

--Bret commented that perhaps several short groups running concurrently followed by an all day session perhaps 4x per year to compare what interaction was found.

--Diana commented that perhaps month by month small groups---Treasures, Historical, Editing etc would be good. Perhaps September would be a good month to introduce new members to the group.

--Bret says it would be like the critique groups that people would move to different groups and encourage better interaction.

--Jessica was concerned that the critique groups would be disbanded--that would not happen. Critique groups would be open to all.

--Darlene will host the Treasures group in March as Diana will be away.

Membership

--not many ideas for recruiting

--survey shows mentoring a possibility

--Diana questioned hiring a market person either MRU or company. She will check into MRU student and Tammy will check with marketing company for prices.

--Tammy will take over social media stuff--agreed.

--Rachel commented that using marketing means needing to know what you are looking for before going that route.

--Bret commented that we need to be more dynamic.

--Wendy suggested that we hold an open house of writers to be able to get radio and TV coverage and advertising. Tammy had some ideas how to proceed and will check it out and get back within a week. Hopefully this could be help before summer.

Programming

--reducing 20 to 10 meetings

--Jessica commented that we need more hands on stuff rather than just workshops--things like swords, costumes etc.

Speakers

--no real idea

--Tammy suggest a mystery genre writer and that we ask other groups who have the expertise we lack

--Time defined sessions got positive reception as there is a deadline.

WWC

--table was booked and Darlene has issued a cheque to pay for it. Writers who put books there are responsible for being in attendance. Tammy will work as liaison with the WWC

Board

--Diana was very disappointed with the survey result of people willing to participate in the organization. Since the survey and after talking with people but appears that a board could be found.

Possible members:

Diana--President

Vi--Vice President

Darlene--Treasurer

Darlene asked for assistance and Tammy has agreed to help

Tammy--Social media and Newsletter

Rachel--secretary

Del--Programming

This slate will have to be confirmed by the general meeting in June.

New Business

--None

Meeting was adjourned at 10:18am. Moved by Jessica, seconded by Tammy.

VALENTINE DAY SOCIAL FOLLOWING BOARD MEETING....

PRESENT BY ZOOM: Lori, David, Bret, Diana, Randi, Rachel and Del

IN PERSON: Tammy, Jessica, Virginia, Darlene. Grace and Wendy (who left early with other commitments)

Tammy presented the program of writing, chocolates and other goodies and door prizes.