

UPPAA Board Meeting Minutes
March 7, 2024

Present:

President: Victor Volkman
Vice President: Terri Martin
Treasurer: Larry Buege
Recording Secretary: Sharon Kennedy
Publications Chair: Debbie Frontiera
Membership Chair: Brandy Thomas
Newsletter Chair: Jansina Grossman
Webmaster: Jodi Perras

Absent:

Mikel Classen

1. The meeting was called to order by Victor at 7:06 p.m. Victor motioned to approve Agenda. Seconded by Debbie. Unanimous. No reading of January 4 minutes. Victor motioned. Brandy seconded. Unanimous.
2. Discussion Friday Night Social:
 - a. Terri reported Northwood Kitchen will cater at the Crib.
 - b. Quote was \$13 per person.
 - c. Payment due on day of event.
 - d. Brandy reported current count is 24.
 - e. Final count might be as high as 30-35.
 - f. Final count will be submitted to caterer at least one week prior to event.
3. Conference Update:
 - a. Debbie reported sandwiches will be delivered.
 - b. Terri and Debbie will pick up drinks, chips, cookies, fruit, and paper goods.
 - c. They will check with Gretchen on what paper goods are on hand to avoid duplicates.
 - d. Brandy reported table set up can be done Friday after 3:30 p.m. at PWPL.
 - e. Discussion regarding the welcoming of new members.
 - f. There will be two lunch lines to hurry things along.
 - g. Board members will sit at different tables.
 - h. Lunch for Young Writers will be served separately from the Conference.
 - i. Placement of snack table will be in the hall not the community room.
 - j. Victor reported there are no changes regarding presenters.
 - k. Brandy reported 116 members have registered.
 - l. Young Writers count is 25. That's a cap and a waiting list.
4. UP Reader Report:
 - a. Debbie motioned that deadline for submissions be changed from Nov.15 to Nov. 10 or sooner. Victor seconded. Unanimous.

- b. Debbie asked if previously published material could be resubmitted if ten years or more had elapsed. Consensus was to accept only submissions not previously published.
5. UP Notable Books Report: None.
6. Webmaster's Report:
 - a. Jodi reported 2023 and current UPPAA minutes are now on our website.
 - b. Minutes will not be posted until receiving Board approval.
 - c. Some organizations requested we share documents regarding setting up a non-profit.
 - d. Jodi reported our By-Laws are available on our website.
7. Treasurer's Report: None
8. Dandelion Cottage Report:
 - a. Larry reported most entries are from Houghton schools.
 - b. Two from Copper Country Christian School.
 - c. Issues with entries all coming in at the last minute giving no time to return rejects for rewrites.
9. Membership Report:
 - a. Brandy reported 26 members are not renewing.
 - b. Six or seven are long-time members.
 - c. She will try to contact.
10. Due to unforeseen glitches, the Zoom meeting was automatically closed at 7:40 p.m.