

MINUTES

Hawaii Writers Guild

May 9, 2017

Hosted by Frannie Titosky in her home.

Officers of the Guild:

Ray Pace - President, Cece Johansen -Vice President, Duncan Dempster -Treasurer and Website Officer, Eliza Cahill - Membership Director, Julia Pace - Secretary, Eila Algood - N. Hawaii Director, Brian Furer - S. Hawaii Director.

Present:

Ray Pace, Duncan Dempster, Eliza Cahill, Julia Pae, Eila Algood, Bryan Furer, Frannie Titosky, Dave Fouts, Marc Gordon, Jada Rufo, Tamara Hynd, and Amy Elizabeth Gordon.

Pres. Ray Pace called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

The attendance sheet was passed around and initialed by those present.

Minutes of the Apr. 11, 2017 meeting were read by Julia Pace, Secretary and approved.

Duncan Dempster, Treasurer, reported that we have taken in \$840 and spent \$223.95 for 2 website domains, email domain, and Website creation. He read the list of members whose dues have been paid.

Ray Pace reported on the Public Relations and Community Outreach Committee. He reported that the Guild is hosting a critique group at the Thelma Parker Public Library for the summer. The Library in partnership with the Guild is holding monthly Wednesday evening readings of Guild members. The next event is on June 7th, Wed. from 5:30 to 6:30 PM. Duncan Dempster and Eila Algood will be reading their work.

President Pace read his Proposal for Performance Rights for Guild members, which was approved unanimously by the Board of Directors by a vote of 6/0. Cece Johansen absent as she is still on the Mainland.

Eila Algood, North Hawaii Director, reported that the Guild will be holding three readings at North Kohala Public Library in Hawi on Aug. 14, Sept. 25, and Nov. 13 from 6:00 – 7:30 PM. Each reading can have as many as eight readers. Amy Elizabeth Gordon is assisting in the organization of these events. Because these events are in partnership with the Library, no donation is required.

Eila's book project, *The Spirit of KoHo*, will be poetry and prose inspired by living in and visiting North Kohala. She is developing criteria for entries to be published in the book and plans to start with submissions from Guild members. She is hopeful that she will be able to accept submissions from middle and high school students. She expects the project to promote inclusivity and offer an opportunity to be published for members who haven't yet written a book. She has created an email site for the project - Kohalabook@gmail.com. She will have more information as it becomes available.

Bryan Furer, South Hawaii Director, reports that the writers' critique group he hosts at Ira Ono's place in Volcano is in its fourteenth week. He has three potential Guild members. He also mentioned that he is interested in producing audio books and in having a Guild sponsored reading at the KMC base in Volcano.

Eliza Cahill, Membership Director, sponsored a new member, Max, who owns the Waimea Coffee shop, where the Waimea Writers had a performance last year. Max has plans to enlarge his coffee shop so he can start a bookstore. Eliza reports that this could be a valuable resource for the Guild. Max already hosts a private writer's critique group there.

Max was voted in unanimously by a vote of 5/0. Cece Johanson being out of town and Bryan Furer obligated to leave for an appointment after giving his report.

Eliza is working on a Directory of Writer's Resources, which will include editors and agents and she will be sending Guild members an email next week to describe her project in more detail.

She passed around her proposed questions for applicants to answer for membership consideration in the Guild. There was a lengthy and sometimes heated discussion about qualifications for membership, which questions should be included, what data to collect, and the pros and cons of having qualifications as opposed to open membership.

It was decided that Duncan Dempster, Webmaster Officer, would take the favored questions of those present and compile them along with the questions already on the website page. He will distribute the compiled list to the Board for final approval. This proposal was voted in 4/0. Cece Johansen's, and Bryan Furer's absences were explained previously. Eliza Cahill left the meeting prior to the vote.

Duncan Dempster, Website Officer, reported that he is developing the Guild Website to be able to use forms, video and audio formats.

Our next meeting (not a potluck) will be held in the Conference room of the Thelma Parker Public Library on June 6, Tuesday. This will start after our Guild hosted Writers' Critique Group that will be meeting from 10:00 to 1:00 PM. Bring your coffee and a brown bag lunch.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Julia Pace, Guild Secretary

Announcements

We are saddened to report that our own dear Frannie Titosky has plans to move to Seattle later this Summer. She will be missed.

Requests for placement on the June 6th Agenda are required per By-laws to be sent via email to Ray Pace, Guild President at raypacewrites@gmail.com ten days prior to the meeting. The Agenda will be emailed five days prior to the meeting on June 2. Agenda requests are due by May 28.