## **UPPAA Board Meeting Minutes August 3, 2023**

Present: Absent:

President: Victor Volkman
Vice-President: Terri Martin
Michael Boro
Treasurer: Larry Buege
Mikel Classen

Recording Secretary: Sharon Kennedy Membership Chair: Brandy Thomas Notable Books Chair: Deborah Frontier

- 1. Meeting was called to order by Victor at 7:01 p.m. No reading of May 4, 2023 minutes
- 2. Motion by Victor to approve travel trophy for young writers and one-time payment of \$125 plus a small annual fee for the plaques for first place winners seconded by Brandy.
- 3. Planning is complete for the Fall picnic, Sept.9, 12-3 p.m. Island Store Pavilion, Presque Isle Park, Marquette.
- 4. The EUP Writers Symposium June 22, 2024, is being planned out by Kristen Beyers, Hessel School House www.hesselschoolhouse.org. No Board resources will be required.
- 5. UPRLC Book giveaway, Sault Ste. Marie is underway. At least six authors have signed up. The totebag design for packing the books is complete. Victor to get bids and place the orders soon.
- 6. Discussion
  - a. Do we need a new board position for future conference food planning?
  - b. Will a committee suffice?
  - c. Motion by Brandy for a standing committee. Seconded by Debbie.
  - d. Events Catering Committee to be chaired by Gretchen Preston if she accepts the offer.
  - e. Board manuals to be developed for key members: Treasurer (Larry Buege), Membership (Brandy Thomas).
  - f. Ideas for future membership growth.

## 7. UP Reader:

Some stories and poetry have been received at the usual expected level.

8. UP Notable Books: No report

9. Webmaster: No report

10. Treasurer: No report

11. Dandelion Cottage: No report

12. Membership: No report

13. Newsletter: No report

14. Next board meeting October 5 at 7:00 p.m. Motion to adjourn made by Victor. Seconded by Terri. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.