

UPPAA Board Meeting Minutes
October 5, 2023

Present:

President: Victor Volkman
Vice President: Terri Martin
Treasurer: Larry Buege
Recording Secretary: Sharon Kennedy
Membership Chair: Brandy Thomas
Newsletter Chair: Jansina Grossman

Absent:

Mikel Classen
Debbie Frontiera

Guests:

John Hagen
Ellen Lord

1. The meeting was called to order by Victor at 7:03 p.m. Seconded by Terri. There was no reading of the August 3, 2023 minutes. Victor motioned. Brandy seconded.
2. The fall picnic was attended by 15-20 people. Brandy reported a good time was had by all.
3. Victor reported the EUP Writers Symposium June 22, 2024 in Hessel has secured Angeline Boulley as keynote speaker. www.hesselschoolhouse.org. No Board resources will be required.
4. Victor reported Gretchen Preston has accepted the non-Board position of Events Catering Committee Chair.
5. Sharon reported the UPRLC Book giveaway at LSSU in Sault Ste. Marie was successful. There was no official count of books donated due to time constraint while putting books and UPPAA brochure in the new tote bags. Librarians were surprised at the number of U.P. authors. Thanks to all who donated.
6. Discussion:
 - a. Brandy reported the Marquette Arts & Culture Center is not charging us for a room. Approximately 74 people attended this year's conference. About 12 at the dinner. Instead of a dinner should there be a \$10 charge for hors d'oeuvres? Brandy will check on venues close to the Landmark.
 - b. Victor reported the search for a webmaster continues.
 - c. Victor reported we still need more presenters for 2024 conference - In Person Sales roundtable.
 - d. Brandy suggested holding the annual picnic around Labor Day when there is a three-day weekend to draw in more attendees.

- e. No further action has been taken on developing Board manuals.
- f. Continue to discuss ways of increasing UPPAA student enrollment.
- g. Victor suggested next Board meeting for Nov. 2. No motion.

7. U.P. Reader Report:

- a. Although Debbie was absent, she emailed Board that submissions thus far are: 11 fiction, 8 non-fiction, 18 poems with an approximate total word count of 38,770.
- b. Victor reported entries are being sent out to reviewers.

8. U.P. Notable Books: No report.

9. Webmaster: No webmaster. No report.

10. Treasurer: No report.

11. Dandelion Cottage:

- a. Larry reported not much has been happening. Teachers appear to be procrastinating. Perhaps more movement in Nov.
- b. Larry reported people have offered to be judges.

12. Membership:

Brandy reported membership now stands at 137, a new high.

13. Newsletter:

Jansina reported she has received one submission.

14. Motion to adjourn by Victor. Seconded by Brandy. Unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.