

UPPAA Board Meeting Minutes

August 6th, 2020 via Zoom

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Action Items:

Victor: -Ask Bethany about moving the Fall Fiction Workshop to 2 Saturdays rather than a Friday & Saturday.

Deb: -Write a brief jury instruction sheet for UP Reader judges

1. Start RECORDING

2. Call meeting to order

Present: Victor, Brandy, Tyler, Larry, Jan, Deb, Craig Brockman, Ann Dallman

3. Approval of Previous Board Meeting minutes

Motion to approve June 2020 meeting minutes made by Victor, seconded by Brandy. All in favor; none opposed. Minutes approved.

4. Fall Conference Details:

Victor asked if anyone is interested in helping out with managing the Zoom comments and attendees during the fall conference; Jen and Brandy are Zoom-savvy. Brandy will take a few dates; Craig Brockman might take some; Jan might take some, and Jen will probably take some.

The Fall Fiction Workshop has no attendees as of yet. Teresa Pitts pitched the idea that people could bring their UP Reader entry to the Fall Fiction Workshop to work on it. Victor asked for other ideas—Brandy said perhaps people think the Workshop is already full. Sending another email stating that there's still some vacancy might generate some interest. Brandy suggested a deadline for sign-ups as well. September 30 might be a logical cut-off date. Deb said maybe people are reluctant to sign up for a long screen session. The Workshop is currently scheduled for Friday and Saturday, October 9 and 10, 10am - 3pm on both days. Victor will ask Bethany to change it to two Saturdays rather than two consecutive days.

Tyler asked how many people are signed up for the conference sessions. Victor isn't keeping a count because it's a virtual conference so there's no tight maximum limit.

There was a brief discussion about Karen Dionne's recent webinar/interview and its low attendance, which could've been due to hot summer weather or other family obligations. The video has only had 28 views so far. It's on the UPPAA.org home page.

The #ownvoices issue will be discussed in the September board meeting.

4. U.P. Reader Chair Report:

Deb has four submissions so far. She'll put a reminder in the newsletter so people don't wait until the deadline to submit their entries. The newsletter will go out after a couple of the fall conference sessions have occurred so she can mention those as well.

Also—with Mikel busy caretaking for his wife, we need another one or two judges for the UP Reader. Victor said Teresa Pitts is interested in joining the committee. Tyler asked what percentage of entries are rejected. Deb said it's a very small percentage—sometimes the judges accept two out of three entries from one author, for example. Jan asked when the reading/judging takes place. Deb said the deadline for submission is November 15, and the judges try to decide by early January to let the people know if their submission were accepted or rejected.

5. Webmaster's Report:

Jen is absent; table until September meeting.

6. Treasurer's Report:

June 2020:

Our only expense this month was our monthly \$10 for Groups.IO and \$50 to Designotype for our summer newsletter. Revenue was \$599.27, all from dues. I have officially voided the two checks written to the Women's Federated Clubhouse. I have heard nothing from them, and they have not cashed the checks. We still have to contest winners who have not cashed their checks. I e-mailed them to find out if they received the checks. Financially, we are looking good.

Stats for June, 2020

\$60.00	Expenses
\$599.27	Revenue
\$200.00	Short Story Fund
\$0.00	Middle-Grade Short Story Fund

\$3,062.04	General Fund
\$3,262.04	Total Resources

July 2020:

Our only expenses for July were our \$10 for our monthly Groups IO and \$84.75 for Karen Dionne’s flowers. Our only income was \$38.54 via Paypal transfer. It was a boring month. We still have two students who have not cashed their checks. Apparently, they do not write for money. I sent them a second notice.

Stats for July, 2020

\$94.75	Expenses
\$38.54	Revenue
\$200.00	Short Story Fund
\$0.00	Middle-Grade Short Story Fund
\$3,045.83	General Fund
\$3,245.83	Total Resources

7. Dandelion Cottage Report:

Victor asked if UP schools are opening as usual. Larry said it’s variable—the numbers are still fluctuating. Brandy said Marquette schools are giving online vs. in-person options unless they have to shut down completely again, at which time they’ll shut down and go online exclusively. If the UP is in Stage 3 or lower, school will have to be online for everyone. In Stages 4 or 5 schools can be open with some restrictions and requirements. Deb said in the Copper Country, the schools are planning to begin in-person instruction with plans for reverting to online options if necessary. The upshot is, the same English teachers will be the contact points for Dandelion Cottage entries whether they’re teaching online or in person.

8. Membership Chair Report:

Brandy said we have two new and one renewal since June. We have about 70 members right now. She'll send out a final notice tomorrow stating that anyone who hasn't renewed can't attend our fall conferences. Brandy will create a separate list for those who drop out and ask them to rejoin next year. Victor will use the 2019 Member tag on MailChimp for the mailing list. The deadline for renewing will be around August 15.

9. Newsletter Chair Report:

Deb hasn't begun the fall newsletter yet; before the end of August, she'll send out a request for member news. The fall newsletter will include a rundown of the first few fall conference sessions to entice people to attend the remaining sessions. She'll also include the Karen Dionne video link.

Brandy asked if the fall conferences will be accessible via private link—Victor said yes, members only for six months or so, and then they'll be available to everyone. Except for Teresa Pitts's class—she doesn't want it to be public.

10. Motion to end meeting:

Motion to adjourn made by Victor, seconded by Brandy. All in favor, none opposed. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.