

## **HERITAGE WRITERS' GUILD BOARD MINUTES**

A board meeting of Heritage Writers Guild was held on April 13th from 6:05 to 7:00 PM via ZOOM. Denis Feehan presided over the meeting. Those in attendance were Denis Feehan, Chris Jones, Joe Gordon, Sue Leth, Marilyn Richardson and Marie Tollstrup.

### **Announcement:**

--We mourn the loss of a long time HWG member, Sheila Robb, who died from cancer on February 12th. She self-published several autobiographical books.

### **Business Items Discussed:**

1. Chris Jones reported the current HWG bank balance is \$500.15.
  - Chris received \$46.00 from the LUW from chapter membership renewals
  - Amanda received \$314.00 for website renewals reimbursement.
  - HWG awarded one more membership scholarship from our account.
  - It was suggested we award only half scholarships or none while HWG funds are low.
2. Current Mini-Contest
  - Since Marilyn has only received four character sketches, there is an extension of two weeks to submit until **Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>.**
3. Woolley Awards Warm-up Contest (formerly referred to as LUW's Annual Writing Contest)
  - To prepare for the Woolley Awards Contest's deadline on May 31<sup>st</sup>, HWG is conducting a warm-up contest in 3 categories:
    - a. First Chapter—2500-word limit
    - b. Creative Nonfiction/Short Fiction—2500-word limit
    - c. Poetry—two-page length limit
  - Submission fee is \$3.00 per entry.
  - There is a limit of two entries per category.
  - Submit your entries to Marilyn Richardson by **Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>.**
4. Due to a lack of Mini-Contest's winning selections to feature at this point, the planned HWG Chapbook has been put on hold until the fall.
5. HWG will hold their first in-person Board and Chapter meeting next month in May
  - Denis will arrange either Monday or Wednesday the second week each month, whichever is available, at the Santa Clara Library's large community room. The Board will meet at 5:00 pm, and the Chapter will meet at 6:00 pm.
  - Each member should bring a current 3-page manuscript they are working on and wish some feedback to improve it.
  - Marilyn will divide up HWG member names that each board member will personally invite to attend our first in-person meeting.

6. Sue Leth announced she received \$10,000.00 from the Arts Council to organize a fall SGLAF festival in October. Sue is in the process of recruited Tara Westover and Lance Larsen as major presenters.

The zoom meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.