**HERITAGE WRITERS’ GUILD BOARD MINUTES**

March 9, 2021

A board meeting of Heritage Writers Guild was held on March 9th,from 6:05 to 6:58 PM via ZOOM. Denis Feehan presided over the meeting. Those in attendance were Denis Feehan, Chris Jones, Joe Gordon, Marilyn Richardson and Marie Tollstrup.

**Announcements:**

**--**We rejoice that Amanda Empey has returned to St. George from Barbados. The board welcomes you home, Amanda.

**Business** **Items Discussed:**

1. Chris Jones reported the current HWG bank balance is $795.18.

--Chris received $56.00 from the LUW from chapter membership renewals

--Denis received and forwarded to Chris a $25.00 payment for extra copies of *The Art of Isolation.*

--HWG awarded three members membership scholarships from our account.

1. With the copies of *The Art of Isolation* now being distributed free of charge, Denis informed us he would reimburse Greg DeLuca and Rachel Webb for the cost of extra *The Art of Isolation* books they purchased.

1. Joe indicated he received an e-mail from John Grant that he was the director of the Washington County Arts Extravaganza that was scheduled for 2023.

--It was pointed out this event would most likely compete with the SGLAF.

--The board tabled further discussion on this item until April’s board meeting.

1. Joe shared he needed more time to figure out how he will present his scene presentation workshop, even waiting until HWG members could meet in person again.

–Chris suggested using Zoom breakout sessions if the decision is to offer Joe’s presentation online.

--Marilyn concurred that she successfully used timed breakout sessions for an ICL class she taught where 3 to 4 students could share and gain feedback on their work before she called everyone back into full session.

1. Marilyn proposed members be invited to an HWG-sponsored Zoom presentation. She suggested Denis could reprise his lyric writing session where he demonstrated song writing techniques.
2. Limerick submissions have been sparse.

--Denis will send out steps to create a Limerick to assist the members, giving everyone a week’s extension to write their own Limerick.

1. Marilyn proposed April’s writing contest be a focus on SETTING details where time and place are described in a page of 250 words or less.

–Marilyn will send out several setting sketches that have inspired her in her own reading to serve as models.

--Marilyn suggests all members to send to Denis the last 3 books they have read because reading is essential to writing well. Denis will post current member reading recommendations in upcoming issues of the HWG newsletter.

1. Denis reported that the St. George Library basement where HWG held monthly meetings is still unavailable and will be for some time. We obviously need a new venue. Washington City Library is out of the way for many members. Denis will check out the possibility of our using the Senior Center when this facility reopens again.
2. Denis asked what could we do to welcome back our members in our first in-person meeting since Covid. More discussion on this item will take place at our April board meeting.
3. Marilyn suggested the Board Minutes be posted for members to read and that members be invited to the Board meetings.

--Joe indicated the minutes be available as a link on our website.

--Chris indicated a time slot for Member-Open Forum be added to the board’s agenda

--Marie will contact Amanda about posting the corrected minutes as a link on our HWG website.

The meeting adjourned at 6:58.