

# MINUTES

## SLO NIGHTWRITERS BOARD MEETING

Meeting Date: Sept. 4, 2018  
Time: 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm  
Place: Conference room  
United Church of Christ  
11245 Los Osos Valley Road  
San Luis Obispo CA

Janice Konstantinidis, President

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### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Janice Konstantinidis – President, Webmaster, Program Director  
Steve Derks – Treasurer  
Jim Aaron – Membership Coordinator  
Susan Tuttle – Education Coordinator, Newsletter Editor  
Leonard Carpenter – Secretary

### MEMBERS ABSENT:

Pat Gimer – Critique Groups Coordinator  
Meagan Friberg – Social Media Coordinator  
Dennis Eamon Young – Photographer  
Vice President  
Marketing & Media Coordinator

### GUESTS:

Abbi Aarons

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** 6:35 pm

### ACTIONS OR EVENTS OCCURRING SINCE THE LAST BOARD MEETING

An email vote resolved to provide the water bottles for the September Cuesta Writers Workshop.

### PREVIOUS MINUTES PRESENTED

The August minutes were approved

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Janice Konstantinidis):

We are almost done with the judging for the contest. We will know the winners in the next day or so. We didn't get as many entries as I'd hoped; and I am wondering if the lesser prize money could have contributed to this.

That said, I feel that we have kept the spirit of the SLO NightWriters Golden Quill Contest alive for this year. I hope we can find an experienced contest director for next year.

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Our Silent Auction will be held at the meeting as well. I am looking forward to this.

Tammie has generously offered to lend us her credit card reader for the meeting.

NightWriters had a credit card reader, but it has been misplaced. We have the tablet purchased to go with the reader, but I'm no longer sure which readers would be compatible with it.

I can't find a price for the credit card readers online. People want my email and phone number and I don't want to give it for this purpose.

I am wondering if the board thinks we should get a new credit card reader for our sales.

I am grateful to Lillian for her sterling effort in learning Publisher. Our new newsletter looks very nice.

Many thanks to Susan for all her years of hard work. The newsletter can be a force to be reckoned with to the untrained.

Tammie has been very kind and generous of her time in respect to the Silent Auction. Many thanks to Tammie. I'd like to have a silent auction every year. I think it's a good for raising some money and very good for an all-around good feeling within the membership.

### VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No VP at present.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT (Leonard Carpenter):

The August minutes were submitted and approved.

### TREASURER'S REPORT (Steve Derks):

#### 1) FINANCIAL STATUS FOR AUGUST 2018:

End of Month Bank Balance	\$949.78
AUGUST Income	\$330.00
AUGUST Expenses	\$330.47

#### 2) DETAILED INCOME FOR AUGUST 2018:

Member Dues	\$280.00
Book Sales	\$50.00

#### 3) DETAILED EXPENSES FOR AUGUST 2018:

Bank Fees	Rabobank	\$0.72
Loan Payment	Steve Derks (6 of 10)	\$100.00
Rent	UCC	\$105.00
Website	Wild Apricot	\$90.00

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Refreshments		\$34.75
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### **NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S REPORT** (Susan Tuttle):

Lillian Cheney Brown, as assistant newsletter editor, created and published the August newsletter in Susan's absence.

### **PHOTOGRAPHY REPORT** (Dennis Young):

No report submitted.

### **PROGRAMS REPORT** (Janice Konstantinidis):

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We need to think about a Flyer for our Christmas meeting.

Suggestions for what we can do for this meeting are solicited.

The time to begin to think about Toys for Tots is almost here. I will contact the Marine from the National Guard to book our Marine to collect the toys.

We also need to make sure we have a collection box. I will defer to the greater knowledge of Dennis and Susan for information on how we get the box.

I am going to try to make next year's programs innovative and interesting for the membership.

If you know of anyone who is likely to fit this bill, please let me know.

I am looking at some of the presenters from CCWC2018 as well.

### **SOCIAL MEDIA COORDINATOR/PUBLICITY/PROMO REPORT** (Meagan Friberg):

No report was received.

### **WEBMASTER'S REPORT** (Janice Konstantinidis):

I will be posting photos of the contest winners at the General Meeting when I have them. Either Dennis or I will take the photos. I need to clarify Dennis' dates as he is going on vacation in September.

### **SIMPLY CLEAR MARKETING & MEDIA REPORT**

No report received.

### **CRITIQUE GROUPS/WORKSHOP COORDINATOR REPORT** (Patricia Gimer):

Contact has been attempted with a writer looking for a group that meets monthly and accepts more than 2 pages per meeting. A group was offered.

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Continued efforts are underway to visit critique groups. I submitted a summary of Rosie McKinney's group to the newsletter last month. A visit to Susan Tuttle's group in Pismo Beach is on my calendar this month.

David Schwab's SLO group "Kick Start" has resumed. We are pleased that his recovery from a motorcycle accident has progressed so well and he is back to hosting

### MEMBERSHIP REPORT (Jim Aarons):

**Member list** ([Summary](#) | [Keyword search](#) | [Advanced search](#) | [Saved searches](#))

Level	Total	Active	Renewal overdue	Lapsed	Pending			New in last	
					New	Renewal	Level change	7 days	30 days
Active Member Comp	<u>12</u>	<u>12</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Active Member Full Fee	<u>121</u>	<u>116</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>5</u>	-	-	-	-	-
Active Member Scholarship	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Active Member Student/Economic Limitation Fee	<u>19</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	-	-	-	<u>2</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>153</u></b>	<b><u>145</u></b>	<b><u>23</u></b>	<b><u>7</u></b>	<b><u>1</u></b>	-	-	-	<b><u>2</u></b>

### CONTEST DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Janice announces that the entries are now being judged..

### OLD BUSINESS

The contest is now closed and being judged.

### NEW BUSINESS

Janice proposed that the cost of a new credit card processor should be researched, in order to replace the lost one. This should be resolved in time for CCWC2018 for book sales, etc. Steve will report back on the best cost and type of machine.

Sellers will be notified that a small percentage fee (2%) is charged by credit companies for card purchases.

Steve proposed that tickets to CCWC be printed for the allotted scholarships for contest entrants.

Steve suggests that the contest First Place prize be \$40, and \$20 for second place. This approximately equals the contest proceeds collected.

It is time to think about contacting Toys for Tots regarding the pre-Christmas collection. Janice or Dennis (not both) will call in the Marines.

Ideas for the year-end meeting were discussed. Susan suggested a round-robin storytelling event. Janice proposed an original Night Writers Christmas play

MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:45 pm

Next meeting October 2, 2018