

**MINUTES OF GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
OF
RWA CHAPTER: YOSEMITE ROMANCE WRITERS**

January 17, 2009

(10:30 a.m. - Marie Callendar's (Shaw & Brawley - Fresno, CA)

1. *Opening*

- a. Call to Order (President/Vice President)

Meeting was called to order by President, Dawna Richard @ 10:33 a.m.

2. *Reading of minutes of last meeting (Secretary)*

Reading of the minutes was waived. Minutes will be submitted on website only for review by general membership.

3. *Business*

- a. Unfinished/old business

1. Transfer of chapter/bank account/Paypal

Paypal Account has been transferred completely to YRW and all bank accounts have been opened @ Union Bank of California.

- b. New business

- i. Treasurer

Judy Gallardo has had to step down and relinquish office of Treasurer due to health consideration and geographic restrictions. Dawna has been Acting Treasurer:

Brief Accounts report: Current Balance:\$5,010.76 (\$2,585.00 was transferred from WCRW account.)

Account maintained @ Union Bank and books are kept on Quicken Accounting Software

Need to fill vacant Treasurer office. General duties: Receipts/Disbursements, Balance Account, General Reports. Most of income is automatically transferred to account via online/electronic deposits.

Position is tabled until February meeting. Message to be sent through yahoo group about vacant position and request for volunteers. Until a new treasurer is appointed, Dawna will continue as Acting Treasurer w/Sandy assisting.

Introduced New Member: Di Tarhalla from Merced. WELCOME D!!

Proposed Member Directory: June volunteered to create director (will be given temporary moderator status to yahoo group to create directory.)

4. *February Speaker – Melissa Blue (E-published)*

Melissa will discuss her journey to getting published/why she chose that method, etc.. Will also discuss RWA issues w/e publishers

a. Meeting structure **changed for February Meeting as follows:

11:30 – 12:00 General Meeting

12:00 -1:00 Lunch

1:00 – 2:00 Speaker

3. *Future Speakers*

****General Compensation: \$250 fee/1 night's lodging & meals (California Authors)**

a. Stacey Kayne – March

b. Marilyn Meredith (Characterization)-- April

Possible a panel situation: E-publishing (Melissa) and Self-Publishing (Mary Lou vs. Traditional Publishing (Stacey & Marilyn)

c. May – Vacant

c. Linda Wisdom Randall – June

d. Deb Salonen - October (Will come night before - Dinner Critique Meeting)

e. Allison Brennan – May 2010

f. Kathleen Givens - tentative date not yet confirmed.

June also mentioned that there is an Author's Program in Hanford that features 8 or 9 authors per year on Thursday nights. Possibly create a reciprocal relationship and invite them to our meetings and vice versa.

4. *Blog*

TABLED

5. *Online classes – advertising*

Sandy will E-mail instructors of local creative writing classes. Possible flyer as well.

6. *Paperbackswap.com account*

TABLED

7. *Newsletter – Name; New committee head*

Name for Newsletter - circulated through the group.

8. *Committees*

TABLED

9. *Yosemite Falls Café*

Meeting venue is changed/Will no longer be at Yosemite Falls

Motion to move meetings to Marie Callendar's (Shaw & Brawley) by Di Tarhalla/Seconded: Sunny Baker; Unanimous vote by members)

Dawna and Sandy will speak w/Marie Callendar's management and try to book room for our future meetings. *Donna will update website re new location and map.

10. *Miscellaneous*

a. Discussed RITA issues w/published "mass-produced" definition.

a. Microphone/Dessert

· Meeting adjourned at 11:25 p.m.; Activities and lunch followed

· Minutes submitted by Secretary, Donna O'Brien.

/s/ Donna K. O'Brien_____

Donna K. O'Brien, Secretary