**Kansas Writer’s, Inc**

Kansas Writer’s INK Newsletter

October 2017

**Board Members 2017-2018:**

President: Billie-Renee Knight

Vice President: Morgan Chilson

Secretary: Leslie Galbraith

Treasurer: Shayne Sawyer

Membership: Bobbie Johnston

Newsletter: Brittany Willes

Advisor to the President: Tish Glasson

**October Meeting Program**

Lissa Staley will be coming to talk about NaNoWriMo.

**Business Meeting, KS Writers, INC**

September 23, 2017

**Present:** Morgan Chilson, Lily Fouts, Leslie Galbraith, Jason Glasson, Tish Glasson, Tom Huzarevich, Bobbie Johnston, Carolyn Kaberline, Billie-Renee Knight, and Brittany Willes.

**Minutes:** Two errors corrected – Financial report attached and Bobbie Johnston’s name added to list of those present. Minutes approved as revised.

**Financial report:**

A. Beginning balance - $3,064.03

B. Income - $280.00

C. Ending balance - $3343.03

**Correspondence:** none received

**Unfinished business:**

A. Treasurer’s end of year report – Shayne Sawyer presented the end of year report (located in the secretary’s notes and not attached to this document) and the annual projected budget (attached)

B. President’s end of year report was published in the September newsletter and will not be repeated in these minutes. The newsletter may be viewed on the KWI website.

C. Round robin novel update – chapter five was published with the September newsletter. Chapter six has been given an extension due to personal life issues.

D. Upcoming meeting/events

1. October meeting – October 28 in Anton Room. Lissa Staley from the TSCPL will present a program on National Novel Writing Month

2. Nanowrimo Marathon – November 11 – noon to midnight @ Hayden Catholic High School library

3. Holiday party – Saturday, November 18 – 11:30 a.m. @ 1 st Congregational Church – details regarding the auction and food arrangements will be forthcoming in the November newsletter

4. December – no meeting or newsletter

E. Reminders for newsletter, blog, &amp; website information – Brittany will send out a final reminder regarding the newsletter deadline for November. Tish is actively seeking blog submissions and is willing to bribe writers with chocolate, coffee or anything else that might motivate the arrival of blog posts. Billie-Renee is still needing author bios and photos for the members’ page of the website.

**New business:**

A. New membership year is currently underway. An updated membership list will be compiled by membership chair Bobbie Johnston and sent to membership. Brittany, the newsletter chair, will begin using that list for mailings of all group correspondence. If you stop receiving KWI notifications you should check with Bobbie to make sure your renewal has been completed.

1. Renewal forms on website/@ meeting

2. $20 renewal fee until October 1

3. Late fee of $25 after October 1

B. Vice president – The vice president position is now open. Morgan has resigned due to work/personal issues. The board met briefly on this matter and Billie-Renee put forward a name to be approved as interim vice president, but the member declined. Anyone interested in filling in temporarily or running for the vacant seat should contact the president as soon as possible.

C. Retreat deposits can be submitted to the treasurer Shayne Sawyer beginning October 1. The $50 deposits, which are non-refundable, will guarantee you a bed in one of the four bedrooms on a first come, first serve basis. The retreat will be held April.

**Door Prize:** Tish Glasson won the door prize for September.

**Financials**

**Opening Balance    $3,343.03**

**Income                     $40.00**

**Expenses                 $100.00**

**Closing Balance      $3,283.03**

**Save the Date: KWI RETREAT 2018**

Basswood Resort

15880 Interurban Rd, Platte City, MO 64079

Friday, April 27 th 2018 through Sunday, April 29 th 2018

A non-refundable $50.00 deposit is required by February 1 st 2018 to secure your spot for the

weekend at the Basswood Lodge. The full cost of the weekend will be determined once we have firm numbers. (Other years there’s been an additional cost of around $40.00). Currently there is bed space in bedroom 4 (basement) and pull out sofas.

Checks made payable to “KWI”

Mail your deposit to:

Shayne Sawyer

2601 SW Western Ave

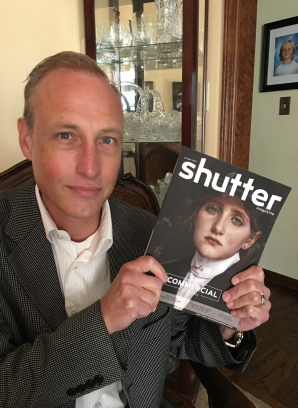
Topeka, KS 66611

**Kudos**

Tish Glasson was nominated for the Daisy Award in nursing.

Lily Ann Fouts, who has been working on a non-fiction autobiographical work, has an appointment with an agent in November for a manuscript review.

Photographer Kim Pimentel with Pimentel Portfolio, LLC in Kansas City was fortunate enough to have some work published in this month's "Shutter Magazine."  One of her photo's was with our own member Kevin S. Wilson.  Kim is a phenomenal photographer with her own studio and modeling agency.  Kevin has worked with Kim in the past and he is very pleased and honored to have his work in this month's magazine.  For more information visit www.pimentelportfolio.com.

**KWI Blog**

Are you interested in writing a blog for KWI? Contact Tish ‘Bear’ Glasson by e-mail: [bearwmnkwi@gmail.com](mailto:bearwmnkwi@gmail.com) (She offers bribes for posts).

**KWI Meetings**

**Future Meeting**

When: October 28, 2017

Where: Topeka Shawnee County Public Library (Anton Room)

Topic: All Things NaNoWriMo with Lissa Staley

When: November, 18, 2017

Where: First Congregational Church, 17th SW Collins at 11:30, am

Topic: Holiday Party

No Meeting in December

**All Meetings Begin as Follows:**

Time - 9:30am - 3:30pm

Writing/Critique/Audio Lecture

Open Writing - 9:30am - 10:00am

Critiquing - 10:00am - 11:30 am

Board Meeting - 11:30am - 12:00am

Member Meeting - 12:30pm - 1:00 pm

Program Topic - 1:00 pm - 2:30pm

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**November (December) Online Workshops**

**How to Write a Novel—The Mini Two-Week Course**  
Date: November 1–15, 2017  
Presenter: Susan Palmquist.  FMI, <http://www.oirwa.com/forum/campus/#NOV1>.

**Writing From the Male POV**  
Date: November 1–15, 2017  
Presenter: Sacha Illyvich. FMI, <http://www.oirwa.com/forum/campus/#NOV3>.

**Synopsis Writing Boot Camp**Date: November 1–18, 2017  
Presenter: Susan Palmquist. FMI, http://lowcountryrwa.com/workshops/2017-online-  
courses/#NOV.

**Writing Alcohol, Drugs and Sex**  
Date: November 1–18, 2017  
Presenter: Sascha Illyvich. FMI, http://lowcountryrwa.com/workshops/2017-online-  
courses/#NOV.

**Worldbuilding for Contemporary Fiction**  
Date: November 1–22, 2017  
Presenter: Peter Andrews. FMI, <http://contemporaryromance.org/workshops/>.

**Book Trailers**  
Date: November 1–29, 2017  
Presenter: Ines Johnson. FMI, <http://contemporaryromance.org/workshops/>.

**Back Cover Copy: “Shoot Me Now!”**  
Date: November 1–30, 2017  
Presenter: Kathryn Jane. FMI, <http://www.oirwa.com/forum/campus/#NOV4>.

**Bangin’-Hot Betas**  
Date: November 1–30, 2017  
Presenter: Karen Stivali. FMI, http://www.marylandromancewriters.com/banging-hot- betas/.

**Blogging Is Necessary for Success and You Have the Time**  
Date: November 1–30, 2017  
Presenter: Victoria Pinder. FMI, <http://www.oirwa.com/forum/campus/#NOV12>.

**Crafting the Short Story and Novella**  
Date: November 1–30, 2017  
Presenter: Susan Palmquist. FMI, <http://www.yosemiteromancewriters.com/#!workshops/cctds>.

**The Game’s Afoot: Mystery/Suspense Techniques to Intrigue, Deceive, and Delight Your Reader**  
Date: November 1–30, 2017  
Presenter: Colleen Thompson. FMI, <https://www.rwa.org/2017coffin>.

**Righting Confessions: A Writer’s Guide to Making Suspects Talk**Date: November 1–30, 2017  
Presenter: BJ Bourg. FMI, <https://www.rwa.org/2017coffin>.

**Scrivener for Writers**  
Date: November 1–30, 2017  
Presenter: Patrick Haggerty. FMI, <http://rwasd.com/classes>.

**What to Expect: Tips and Tools to Prepare Your Book for Release**  
Date: November 1–30, 2017  
Presenter: Chanel Cleeton. FMI, <http://www.oirwa.com/forum/campus/#NOV5>.

**World Building from an Intelligence Point of View**  
Date: November 1–30, 2017  
Presenter: Merien Grey. FMI, http://lowcountryrwa.com/workshops/2017-online- courses/#NOV.

**Get Those Butterflies Out of My Stomach! Pesticide for Clichés**  
Date: November 1–December 1, 2017  
Presenter: JoSelle Vanderhooft. FMI, <https://www.rwa.org/e/in/eid=660>.

**Dialogue to Die For**  
Date: November 5–18, 2017   
Presenter: Laurie Schnebly. FMI, <http://www.oirwa.com/forum/campus/#NOV2>.

**Successful Collaboration for Writers with Peter Andrews**Date: November 6–December 1, 2017  
Presenter: Peter Andrews. FMI, <http://fthrw.com/online-workshops>.

**Moving from Resolutions to Results**  
Date: November 27–December 15, 2017  
Presenter: MM Pollard. FMI, <http://www.rwasd.com/classes>.

**December Online Workshop**

**Writing Meaningful and Memorable Sex Scenes**  
Date: December 4–15, 2017  
Presenter: Katriena Knights. FMI, <http://fthrw.com/online-workshops>.