**Kansas Writer’s, Inc**

Kansas Writer’s INK Newsletter

July 2018

**Board Members 2017-2018:**

President: Billie-Renee Knight

Vice President: Romie Chavez

Secretary: Leslie Galbraith

Treasurer: Shayne Sawyer

Membership: Bobbie Johnston

Newsletter: Brittany Willes

Advisor to the President: Tish Glasson

**July Meeting Program**

Writing Your Author Bio and Back Blurb

This month’s program will focus on the things that make your author biography and your back cover blurb stand out. Come learn the do’s and don’ts of how to craft the perfect biography and blurb and practice with hands on activities to craft both a stand out biography and back cover blurb.

**Meeting Minutes, KS Writers, INC**

June 23, 2018 @ 12:30

**I.** Call to order – called to order @ 12:32 by the president

**II.** Members present: Romie Chavez, Leslie Galbraith, Bobbie Johnston, Billie-Renee Knight, Cassie Nicholas

**III.** Minutes approved as published in the newsletter

IV. Financial report **May**

Beginning Cash Balance $3,272.59

Income $386.73

Expenses 0.00

Closing Cash Balance $3,659.32

**V.** Correspondence – email from Jason from Covers That Sell regarding September program. The program is booked and Billie-Renee will touch base with him in August to finalize the program details.

**VI.** Unfinished business

**A.** Round robin novel update – No report available, but still waiting for chapters for publication on the website.

**B.** Upcoming meeting/events

**1.** July 28 – author bios/back blurbs

**2.** August 25 – show/don’t tell – Tish

**3.** September 22 – Presentation by Covers Sell Books

**C.** Reminders for newsletter, blog, &amp; website information

**VII.** New business

**A.** Program committee for next term – volunteers to serve under Jason Gasson solicited. As of meeting time no responses from membership.

**B.** Elections – Romie Chavez distributed ballots to members present and collected them. He will forward them to Tish Glass, Advisor to the president who is chairing the election committee.

**VIII.** Kudos – No kudos this month

**IX.** Door Prize – no door prize this month

**X.** Adjournment – meeting adjourned at 12:42

**Financials**

Beginning Cash Balance   $3,659.32

Income                                        0.00

Expenses                                    0.00

Ending Cash Balance        $3,659.32

**Membership Renewal**

As July rolls to a close and August opens, KS Writer’s Inc will be 20 years old. The original group, Kansas Fiction Writers, was founded by Romance authors and a Romance reviewer. Those early days were exciting for the novice writers, and today a handful of the early members are still attending meetings and still writing. With the end of the financial year it’s time to renew your membership. Fees remain the same as last year at 20.00.

A renewal form is attached to the newsletter. You may bring it with you to the meeting or mail it

to Shayne Sawyer. (Her address is at the bottom of the form.)

You have until October 1 st to renew at which time the membership roster will be updated.

**Kudos**

No kudos this month.

**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**

**Next Meeting**

When: August 25, 2018

Where: Topeka Public Library, Anton Room

Topic: Show, Don’t Tell Panel

**Future Meeting**

When: September 22, 2018

Where: Topeka Public Library, Anton Room

Topic: Covers Sell Books

**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 - 12:00pm

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

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

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**AUGUST Online Workshops**

**Inside Out: Crafting Your Character’s Internal Conflict**

Date: August 1–25, 2018

Presenter: Linnea Sinclair. FMI,http://contemporaryromance.org/workshops/.

**Writing LGBTQ Contemporary Romance**

Date: August 1–25, 2018

Presenter: JoSelle Vanderhooft. FMI,http://contemporaryromance.org/workshops/.

**How to Plot a Novel or Short Story**

Date: August 1–28, 2018

Presenter: Samantha Bond. FMI,http://contemporaryromance.org/workshops/.

**Creating People Your Characters Will Love**

Date: August 1–29, 2018

Presenter: Susan Palmquist. FMI,http://www.oirwa.com/forum/campus/#AUG9.

**Monster Revision and Deep Point of View**

Date: August 1–30, 2018

Presenter: Suzanne Johnson. FMI,http://heartofcarolina.org/calendar/.

**Back Cover Copy “Shoot Me Now”**

Date: August 1–31, 2018

Presenter: Kathryn Jane. FMI,http://wnyrw.org/workshops.

**The Insider Aviation Gouge for Writers**

Date: August 1–31, 2018

Presenter: Airline Pilot Nancy Parnell and Aviation litigator Piper Rome.

FMI,https://www.rwa.org/2018coffin.

**Make Goodreads Work for You**

Date: August 1–31, 2018

Presenter: Diane K. Peterson. FMI,https://www.rwa.org/2018coffin.

**Self-Editing—How&#39;d I Miss That? Embarrassment Prevention Skills for Writers**

Date: August 1–31, 2018

Presenter: Kathryn Jane. FMI,http://www.utahrwa.com/URWAWorkshopRegistration.html.

**Speed Writing**

Date: August 1–31, 2018

Presenter: MM Pollard. FMI,http://rwasd.com/classes.

**Playing Hide and Seek-Learn How Private Investigators, Skip Tracers, and Law**

**Enforcement Search for People**

Date: August 3–31, 2018

Presenter: Frank M. Ahearn. FMI,http://www.oirwa.com/forum/campus/#AUG10.

**The Art of Expansion and Reduction**

Date: August 5–31, 2018

Presenter: Sally J Walker. FMI,http://www.oirwa.com/forum/campus/#AUG7.

**The Alpha Male: From Abe to Zeus**

Date: August 6–17, 2018

Presenter: Laurie Schnebly. FMI,https://www.yosemiteromancewriters.com/2016-workshops.

**Visibility Unlocked: How Authors Can Attract, Captivate, and Retain Their Audience**

Date: August 6–24, 2018

Presenter: VaNessa Duplessie. FMI,http://rwaonlinechapter.org/.

**The Chunky Method: Your Step-By-Step Plan to Write That Book Even When Life Gets in**

**the Way**

Date: August 6–31, 2018

Presenter: Allie Pleiter. FMI,http://fthrw.com/online-workshops.

**Keeping the Tension Alive in Romance Novels WITHOUT Sex**

Date: August 6–31, 2018

Presenter: Susan Meier. FMI,http://www.neorwa.com/online-workshops/upcoming-meetings/.

**Intensifying Emotion in the Romance Novel**

Date: August 7–30, 2018

Presenter: Laurie Sanders. FMI,http://www.oirwa.com/forum/campus/#AUG8.

**Treat Backstory Like a Pungent Spice**

Date: August 20–September 16, 2018

Presenter: Sandy Vaile. FMI,http://tucsonrwa.org/category/Online-Classes/

**Making Your Alpha Female Shine**

Date: August 20–31, 2018

Presenter: Laurie Schnebly. FMI,https://www.yosemiteromancewriters.com/2016-workshops.

September