

Board Members

2021-2022

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June 2022 Newsletter



Ponderings and Smackerals:

Greetings writer friends,

June. How is it possible that the year is half over? I hope everyone is keeping cool. It's Africa hot out there. How's your writing coming? I hope the words are flowing for you. I mean, it's too hot to do much else, am I right?

Hope to see you all at the library for this month's meeting. Our program will be about intellectual property and estate planning for authors.

At this meeting we will also be voting for next year's board members. Hope to see you there.

As always, I wish you words,

Bear

KWI Meetings

June Meeting

When: June 25, 2022

Where:

Topeka/Shawnee County
Library

Topic: Estate Planning
for Authors

Future Meetings

When: July 23, 2022

Where: Topeka
/Shawnee County Library

Topic: TBA

Meeting Format

Program: 10:00am

Board Meeting: 11:00

Critique: 12:00pm

June Meeting/Program

This month's meeting will be held Saturday, June 25, at the Topeka /Shawnee County Library in the Hughes Room, 205. We will begin with a 10 a.m. program. The program this month is Estate Planning for Authors. A reminder that the Café is closed on the weekend and we are not allowed to bring in food.



From the Slush Pile

KWI Board Nominations

A big thank you to the members who have stepped up (or been drafted) to serve on the KWI board for the 2022-2023 year. Voting ballots will follow by email. The nominees are:

President – Tish Glasson

Vice President – Jason Glasson

Treasurer – Shayne Huxtable

Secretary – Bill-Renee Knight

Newsletter Editor – Connie Beckett

Member Chair – Alisha Davis

Fantasy World Maps

Whether you want to create a map to help visualize a fantasy world or need to create one for publication, you might want to explore Inkarnate's online map-making platform. They have both a free service and a paid one. More information can be found at

<https://inkarnate.com/>

Financials

May 2022

Beginning Cash Balance:
 \$3,696.13
Income: \$0.00
Expenses: \$50.00
Ending Cash Balance
 \$3,646.13

July Online Writing Workshops

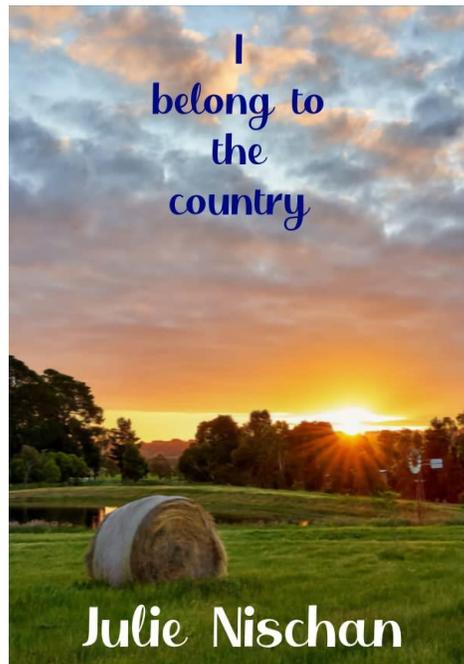
Writers Digest University has workshops coming in July. There is a wide range of topics including memoir, mystery, blogging 101, advanced novel writing, grammar and mechanics and getting started. You can learn more about the classes on their website at <https://www.writersonlineworkshops.com/>

June Featured Member

A call for author volunteers we can feature in the newsletter. As writers, we all struggle to get motivated, convert the stories in our imagination into words on paper, and carve time out of our lives to write. This struggle is the same whether we are new to writing or experienced. What works for you could very well help others.

Kudos

Kudos to **Julie Nischan** for self-publishing her third book, "I Belong to the Country." You can find Julie's book on Lulu-com and Amazon. She will also have copies available for sale at the meeting. Here is the link.



If you have published a book, received a writing award, appeared on a Podcast, or other such reason to celebrate a success, please let Connie know at conniebeckett942@gmail.com. We would love to feature you in an upcoming newsletter.

May Meeting Minutes

The meeting was held at the Topeka/Shawnee Count Library on May 28, 2022. Members present were: Romie Chavez, Alisha Davis, Leslie Galbraith, Theresa Grennan, Shayne Huxtable, Angela Johnson, Billie-Renee Knight, David Mealing, Julie Nishan, Wendy Rogeres and Brittney Willes. Billie-Renee Knight called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the previous meeting as posted in the newsletter were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Shayne Huxtable presented the Treasurer's Report. The beginning balance was \$3,798.13, expenses (memoriam) were \$100, and the ending balance was \$3,696.13

Correspondence:

- The Catholic Charities sent a letter of thank you for the \$100 memoriam KWI sent in honor of Carolyn Kaberline.
- An email was received from David Mealing. He recently moved to the area and wanted information regarding the group.

Unfinished Business:

Round Robin Novel

- The concept was explained for new members.
- Connie Beckett has completed her chapter and Billie-Renee will upload it to the website.
- Billie-Renee Knight has the next chapter.
- Those present were unsure who has the subsequent chapter.

Annual Elections

- Billie Renee reported that we have a complete slate of officers, but more nominees can still be considered through the third week of June and may either self-nominate or be nominated by another member.
- Elections will be held at the next meeting on June 25. Ballots will be sent via email to members for those who will not be present at the meeting.
- Election results will be announced the week following the meeting.

- Nominees at present are: President-Tish Glasson; Vice President-Jason Glasson; Treasurer-Shayne Huxtable, Secretary-Billie Renee Knight; Newsletter chair-Connie Beckett; Membership-Alisha David.

New Business

Meeting Location

- The library is now available for meetings, but the Millennium Cafe is not open and there is no option for lunch.
- Our previous meetings have been held at various restaurants throughout the pandemic but often the noise level was just too much.
- Members present voted to continue meeting at the library so that the meetings and programs are audible. If anyone wants to get together for lunch after, arrangements can be made.
- Plugs for the newsletter, blog, and website.

Committee Reports

No committee reports were made

Kudos

Julie Nischan shared the cover art for her new work.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:21 a.m.

