

BWW Board Meeting

June 28, 2018

Present: Partridge Boswell, Deena Frankel, Danielle Thierry, Terry Cleveland, Michael Freed-Thall

1. **Minutes** from 5/17 adopted with minor clarifications that board approved.
2. **Reviewed Financials:** Down \$1500 in one-time contributions and \$700 in continuing donations as of May (compared to last year)

Discussed announcement of monetary contributions at workshops. Engaged in further conversation of some active member's frustration at the pace of change.

Terry's report accepted.

3. **MSR Update:** Erin sent a written update (included with minutes). There have been four requests for feedback. This is fewer than the previous year. [Note: following the meeting, Erin informed us that a total of 11 requests were received by the closing date.]

Submittable is \$1500 per year. Board discussed possibly opting for a more basic package to reduce cost, which would reduce the number of email addresses available to staff. It was agreed that Danielle would determine the relative cost of the reduced package and would consult with Erin about the cost-benefit.

A small charge for submitting was mentioned as a possibility but not discussed at length.

4. Anthology Update

Would this group like it to be online in addition to a print book?

Danielle will contact Kelly regarding the timeline so the anthology kick-off can be scheduled.

The possibility of revising the anthology from a competitive process to more of a celebration was briefly mentioned, with the intention to discuss the anthology at the annual meeting in November.

5. Programming

Open mic: Monday, August 13th, at Radio Beam in North Winooski. Posted on meet-up.

Retreat committee: We discussed the funding of retreats.

"Receiving Feedback" draft: Partridge will make some revisions and get back to the board.

6. Sustainable Model

Deena will offer one or two dates for feedback sessions regarding models for BWW and get these sessions scheduled

The group discussed what models to offer for discussion to the feedback sessions. Discussion began on the three models Deena had distributed and the group brainstormed two additional options. The four to be offered for discussion (not for selection) include:

1. Dues Model: Dues-paying members get all programs for free. Non-members pay for workshops led by guest artists/instructors.
2. No Dues Model: Admission charged for all participants in non-member led workshops and retreats. No dues. Free or reduced price for volunteers.
3. Everyone pays dues. No free access to programs.
4. Maintain current model with super-charged fundraising effort.

All of these models require fundraising in addition to or instead of dues.

7. Value Statements

Michael will send draft values to Danielle based on board and larger group work. They will present a proposal to the board for adoption.

8. Committee Charges

A board member will participate on each committee.

Programming: Draft accepted (charge attached) (Partridge and Danielle)

Membership: Draft accepted (charge attached)

Fundraising: (Terry and Partridge)

Marketing: (Deena)

Board members assigned to each committee will reach out to people who have expressed interest or who we thought would be good candidates to ask them to form the initial committees and to give feedback on the charter drafts, or, where there is no draft, to develop one.

9. Other- Security of space is a concern. Deena will change the door code within the week and remind people to spin the wheel when replacing the key.