

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
WLOV General Meeting April 13, 2022

Shari Cohen, treasurer, introduced Linda Keenan, president, who entered the room to the tune of “Paperback Writer” (The Beatles). Linda displayed a shirt, customized with the WLOV logo. The shirt was customized by Custom Apparel. Members can get their own shirt personalized with the WLOV logo or purchase a shirt at the store.

Linda called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

The room was set up with round tables, giving members increased opportunities to meet and interact with other members. At each table were anonymous surveys, allowing members to provide feedback on areas of interest that could be explored at future meetings.

Tweet Coleman, scholarship director, introduced Connie Kolisnyk, Grant Specialist/College Success Coach at Take Stock in Children, a federal program that raises money for scholarships for students.

Ron Markland asked for any members who might be interested in reading stories to support an AI-powered speech-to-text transcription service for people with speaking impairments, including ALS.

Introduction of New Members

Bill Frakes writes historical fiction

Shirley Manthorne writes ocean sailing books

Bobbie Calhoun writes historical fiction

Laura Borcharding writes children’s and young adult books

New Books by WLOV Members

Geralyn Vilar, “Cooking for the Family”

Gil Hudson, author of “Reviving Potus One,” has revised the book to be titled “Reviving George Washington”

Pat Minots, “Louie’s Journey”

Alice Claxton, “Secrets and Other Tales of a Stay-at-Home Mom”

Chris Cooper, “Secrets of Stress-Free Entertaining”

Bona Hayes, on behalf of Bill Jansen, introduced his novel “When the Owl Speaks”

Ron Miller, “Hollow the Beast”

Hugh Sullivan, “Doc!”

Treasurer’s Report (Betty Frankfather)

Membership income:	\$802.20
Event income:	\$370.18
Other:	\$ 17.00
Book expo expense:	(\$248.31)
WLOV operating account:	\$3,276.19
March 31, 2022 balance:	\$6,286.00

Membership Report (Shari Cohen)

WLOV currently has 210 paid members.

All Booked Up (Bill Pullen, liaison)

Sixth book signing with WLOV authors was conducted on April 12, 2022 with 16 books sold.

Through a partnership with Dollars for Scholars, authors who elect to participate, receive 40% of proceeds from books sold at All Booked Up, the bookstore receives 40% and Dollars for Scholars receives 20%.

Committee Reports

Communications (Rita Boehm)

WLOV authors, who wish to be considered in the Author Section of The Daily Sun, should submit their information via email to wlovwriters@gmail.com.

Lake Sumter Author Fair will take place at the Waterfront Inn on Sunday, April 24 from 12-4 p.m. Admittance is free. It is being run by Vince Roberts with the assistance of Rita Boehm. It is not a WLOV event but WLOV authors are invited to purchase a table through Vince.

Twelve authors sold 85 books at Barnes and Noble (B&N) in the first quarter 2022. Fourteen new authors are featured at B&N in the second quarter 2022, with seven authors who were introduced at the B&N local author event on April 9. The remaining seven authors will be introduced at 2 p.m. on May 7.

Webmaster Report (Paula Howard)

Visit the web site address at writersleagueofthevillages.com for a list of upcoming events.

Newsletter Report (Larry Martin)

Answer to the monthly quiz in the most recent newsletter was Alfred Joyce Kilmer.
The topic for the quiz for next month is Broadway lyrics.

Scholarship Report (Tweet Coleman)

On April 29, WLOV will hold a FUNraiser from 6-8 p.m. at Laurel Manor. Proceeds will provide \$500 scholarships for each of two students at area high schools to further their education. The event is \$20 per person and mentalist Mark Stone will be the featured entertainment. Seats are available online at writersleagueofthevillages.com. Maximum seating capacity is 200.

50/50 Raffle

Betty Frankfather and Bill Pullen were the winners of the 50/50 raffle, and both donated their winnings to the WLOV Scholarship Fund for a total of \$60.

April Guest Speaker: Penny Thomas

Topic: The End Is Not the End

Typing "The End" on your manuscript doesn't mean you're done writing. Her PowerPoint presentation will be uploaded to our website by Paula Howard.

The May WLOV general meeting will take place at Laurel Manor at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, May 11. The guest speaker is author Jack O'Brien, whose topic is about his experience marketing his recent book "The Roundabout Way."

President Linda Keenan adjourned the April meeting at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan DeLay, Secretary