

Mississauga Writers Group



Mississauga Writers Group AGM Minutes 2018

- Date:** September 8, 2018
- Location:** Gladys Hagen Room, South Common Community Centre, 2233 S Millway, Mississauga
- Time:** 10:00 am to 12:00 pm including refreshments
- Phone #:** 905-286-1442
- Attendees:** 26 members including board

Call to Order

1. 10:07 am Attendance and Regrets (Elizabeth Banfalvi) John Fraresso is absent due to personal activities (his wedding)
2. Welcome and Introduction of Board (Elizabeth Banfalvi)
 - Elizabeth Banfalvi – President
 - Jasmine Sawant – Vice President
 - John Fraresso – Treasurer -- absent
 - Michelle Hillyard – Secretary
 - Joseph A. Monachino – Director at Large

Elizabeth introduced each of the board and talked about the significance of each of them in the history of our group. Each has had a significant impact on the group.

3. Adoption of Annual General Meeting Agenda for the FY 2017.

Motion to adopt the Agenda of the FY 2017 as presented.

Moved: Jasmine Sawant

Seconded: Vidya Gopaul.

Unanimously accepted.

4. Presentation and Adoption of 2017 Financial Report (John Fraresso).

Moved that this item be tabled for further discussion when John is present at the October 2018 meeting. It will give all members time to review and have a fuller discussion about the financials.

Moved: Jasmine Sawant

Seconded: Elizabeth Banfalvi

Unanimously accepted.

5. Presentation and Adoption of Annual Reports
 - a. President's Report (Elizabeth Banfalvi) – Elizabeth talked about the significance of the fact that our products from the group are the anthologies and there were 3 last year with the Word Fest, Canada, our Home and Celebrating Canada 150. Our members had a lot of activity attending city events to promote and have youth and adults writing what they loved about Canada which was used in the anthologies. We also collaborated with 2 schools for the first time – Philip Pocock CCS and St. Elizabeth Seton CES and this was originated through Studio 89 and the Third Monday Group. We had monthly speakers all through the year as per a survey the group did and requested over a year ago. This has been very successful and has brought in numerous people to speak to our group. Sheila Van Den Heuvel-Collin took over our e-zine in May 2017 and it is now called “Write On!”.
 - b. Marketing and Communications Committee – Elizabeth spoke about Facebook and the significance of Michelle and Paul Costa and their activities in the poetry slams locally and in Toronto and Oakville. This has opened up new venues for our writers and it has built their confidences in their own work. Kyle still replies to Facebook messages for our group.
 - c. Program Committee (Michelle Hillyard) workshops, random anthologies – Michelle spoke about the Free Workshop she presents before the meeting and how it has grown from 3 to 20 in attendance throughout the year. She asked the group to let her know what else they want presented so she prepares workshops that are relevant to what they want to hear. Michelle organizes the Random Acts of Poetry.
6. Election of Directors and Executives (Jasmine Sawant) – all positions are filled at this point.
7. Recognition and thanks (Susan & Kyle) - outgoing Directors (Jasmine Sawant) – Jasmine spoke of both Susan and Kyle and thanked them for their contributions while on our board. Both are very busy and working on their own projects but are still part of our group.
8. Welcome - new Directors (Michelle and Joseph) – (Elizabeth Banfalvi) Elizabeth acknowledged the difference both Michelle and Joseph have made to our group. Michelle has been in our group for two years and Joseph came on board five years ago when we first started at the library. We celebrate their inclusion in our board.
9. Notice/s of Motion or Special Business (Elizabeth Banfalvi) Elizabeth spoke about the 2017 city affiliation and our collective group. The NPO process should be completed by 2019 will see the change in our group going forward to NFP and the once MWG is able to use the name. We also have had our first project grant from the city in 2018. Eventually we propose we will set up all day events with tables for authors and hourly workshops like we did at the library.
10. 10:55 am Adjournment –

Moved: Jasmine Sawant
Seconded: Aldo Ferrone
Unanimously accepted.