LGAA Meeting: Oct. 12, 5:30, VFW Hall

In Attendance: Jennifer Henson, Marea Breedlove, Betty Perkins, Roxann Yates, Shaun Perkins, Brandon Hall, Ray Grass, Aaron Doughty, Tara Bennett, Kelly Palmer, Ann Phillips, Tina VanBrunt, LaTasha Duncan, Kyler Duncan, Shelley Horton, Stuart Horton

- 1. Treasurer Report: The LGAA balance is \$3,085.09.
- 2. Newsletter Report: Ad sales continue to support the LGAA's programs. Future stories could be on the academic team, Doughty's new book, etc.
- 3. OK Arts Conference: The motion was approved to use LGAA funds for the \$135 registration fee and \$125 for motel to send LaTasha Duncan to the OK Arts Conference in Stillwater.
- 4. Teacher Arts Stipends: Stipends of \$200 + some supplies from the ROMP Rummage Store were approved for Rochelle Chancellor, teacher at LGMS and \$150 for the LGHS academic team that VanBrunt coaches.
- 5. Window Art Contest for Christmas Parade: Ann Phillips agreed to write some guidelines and a flyer so that the LGAA can sponsor this contest again.
- 6. Pryor Creek Comic Con: The LGAA will sponsor a costume contest for this event that takes place Jan. 21, 2017.
- 7. Fundraisers: We are looking into the possibility of a Beans & Bingo fundraiser to take place sometime in February at the VFW Hall.
- 8. Wonder City Arts Festival: LaTasha reported some ideas for the festival, to have at least 50 artists, with a vendor fee of \$25. She will come up with a promotional poster for the event, which is tentatively set for Sept. 16. Vendors must submit a few photographs of their art for submission. The focus will be on the arts, rather than on crafts.
- 9. T-shirt orders were taken.
- 10. ROMP News: ROMPfest at the Rural Oklahoma Museum of Poetry will be April 1. ROMP is sponsoring a poem contest for the Pryor Creek Comic Con and also one for the Oklahoma Poem.
- 11. OTHER NEWS:

Linda Stone Callery and family are in the visioning process of plans for a Willard Stone Museum and Community Arts Center in Locust Grove that is based on a design that Willard drew of a "turtle museum."

Ray Grass is looking into making a new sign for the VFW, as the current one is old and falling apart. Marea Breedlove suggested he also paint the book drop box at the library, perhaps with a book theme on it.

Aaron Doughty has a western fiction book coming out from Tate Publishing on Nov. 29. He told the group about the book and hopes to have some book signings in LG when the book is available.

The LG library will have a special shelf/section of books by local authors. We are gathering copies to put in it now.

Brandon Hall reported that the music, art and drama departments at LGHS are working on an event for December and will keep us posted.