

5/8/2019 MARCO ISLAND WRITERS' MEETING MINUTES

Meeting was called to order promptly at 6:00 P.M. by our Pres. Joanne Tailele, with 15-16 in attendance.

- No Treasurer's Report.
- Farmer's Market venue report: The Market is done for the season. Sign-ups for next season will begin early. Reminder, always bring your Sales & Use Certificate each time you are in a sales position like the Market.
- The third week of every month there will be a produce and craft market behind Tommy Bahamas in Naples. \$70 each month, 40 vendors. Try it! Contact Rich Goldhaber for more information.
- Joanne reported that Author Party's similar to Tupperware parties, might be a good way to promote book sales. Jan Tramontano, one of our member authors, has used this method and it is fun. Love of books is needed. Contact Jan or Joanne to discuss further.
- Marco Island supports the annual Pride Walk/Run with a booth. There will be opportunity to promote book sales. Reserve now for June 1st, Saturday. Rental space will be \$10 per title with a max of 6 copies and no props, please.
- Joanne would like to book Sheila Athens, author, editor and book coach, for our Jan 2020 meeting. She will speak with us about self-editing. [\$450 includes travel & accommodations] Recommended by the Women's Fiction Writers group.
- Other meeting suggestions were: **Blogging**, a round table discussion led by Mershon Niesner; **Resources, Where to Go**, possibly led by Dolores Burton; **How to Format in Word**, led by Rich Goldhaber; and **Cover Art**, Guest Speaker to be obtained.
- Other possible resources for your writing were mentioned: **grammarly** [is a tweet] and **fiver.com** [can fix formatting issues]. Also, the library has a volunteer who can help with using the various writing programs and formatting, so contact them for details. More and more agents and publishers will only be accepting submissions via electronic media so it is imperative for all of us to get educated in our craft.
- Our June meeting will be a celebratory dinner in honor of our 8th anniversary:

Joey Pizza (about half way down Collier on the left); 257 North Collier Blvd; Marco Island, FL 34145; map: <https://goo.gl/maps/nqHCfYKpZKWTPFW8>

When: our regular meeting day - **Wednesday, June 12, 2019**; The fun starts at 6 pm; fixed menu choices, see June Newsletter for details and sign up ASAP, please.

- The deadline for our Anthology Publication was Monday the 15th of April and everyone was asked to please re-do their bio so that it is only 60 words in length. Submit immediately. Pub will be out in the October.

- Meeting subject for July & August is still undetermined; September, there will be no meeting and October we will read and give feedback on each other's 250 word essays which are to be personal stories. These can be published on our website if you wish and we encourage you to participate.
- One of our members observed that they could not think of anything better to do with their time than write, commenting, "We are all writers and I love the comradery!"
- Meeting was adjourned at 8.