

GEA Meeting Minutes Sept. 22nd

Officers Present: Christine Anlicker, David St. John, Josh Privett, Jenn Olive, Josh Martin

Fiscal update:

Josh--current amount left in the GEA's account is \$3734. and cap on reimbursements seems to be working according to plan

Christine--All student organizations can still only spend 10% of their total budget (the money from student fees allocated to the organization by the university) on food/drinks served at meetings or gatherings for their members

Communications update:

After expending a significant amount of effort, Jenn has administrative access to the GEA's listserv and can now add or delete email addresses

GSA (Graduate Student Alliance) update:

Jenn attended the meeting and was impressed with the number of initiatives the organization is pursuing on the behalf of students (affordable housing, paid parental leave, better mental health services). Going forward, the officers present at the meeting agreed that a GEA board member will need to serve as an ambassador to the GSA. The ambassador is responsible for regularly attending meetings and voting. David volunteered himself for this position. There are also opportunities for GEA members to participate as liaisons on special projects.

Upcoming events:

"Spooky Stories in the Studio" (NDOW Launch Party), Oct. 13th

National Day on Writing, Oct. 18th Volunteer Schedule for GEA Table: Set-up/10:00-11

Josh Privett; 11-12 Dionne Clark; 12-1 Jen Castle; 1-2 Josh Martin (Christine will be there to help most of the day except for a lunch break around 12:15ish)

*This year's book sale proceeds will benefit Texas Library Association's Disaster Recovery Fund

Plummer Lecture, Oct. 18th

Job Market Talk, Nov. 16th

Possible social event for November? Jenn suggested showing a film adaptation of a novel that would be followed by a discussion and snacks. This would be a potential opportunity to collaborate with CGSA.

2018 board and elections:

Discussion of potential interest among new graduate students regarding service on the GEA's 2018 board--none were present to comment so the board moved to revisit this matter at the next meeting.

Proposed Date of Next Meeting: 12:30 on Monday, Oct. 9th

Minutes brought to you by Christine Anlicker