



**Attendance:** Meghann Adams, Pat Duboise, Ryan Braid, Deb Cook, Tina Jones, Neka Beckwith, Veronica Kulon, Angelica Johnson; **via WebEx:** Shelley Wales, Samantha Bishop, Kathy Brunot, Simone Escho, Jan Heidrich-Rice, Catherine Bridgers, Sue Mastrario, Linda Maddox

#### **Welcome and Introductions:**

Meghann Adams introduced the guest speaker, Lynne Moyer who is the Founder and CEO of Luminate Marketing.

**Guest Speaker:** Lynne took the time to discuss how storytelling can leverage the power of influence. During this time, she provided many examples of storytelling through various company webpages.

#### **Chapter Business:**

##### **September Minutes Review and Approval:**

- Meghann asked if there were any changes that needed to be made to the January minutes, none were needed and the minutes were approved.

##### **President's Report:**

- Two GPA memberships will be available to bid on during the silent auction at the SRGC.
- There will be a chapter leaders conference in Kansas on April 20<sup>th</sup>, Pat Duboise will be attending the conference for GGPA. The conference is meant to help chapters enhance skills for professional development, lifecycle of member engagement, among many other topics.
- Officer Elections: Officer terms will end in April. If you are interested in becoming an officer, you must be a GGPA member in good standing. Amanda Day will be sending out an email in the near future with information. Elections will be held in April instead of a regular meeting. Pat Duboise and Samantha Bishop plan on staying on. Board elections will take place on April 24<sup>th</sup> at the Hudson Grille at 11:30.

##### **Treasurer's Report:**

- Samantha Bishop provided the Treasurer's Report and as of January 31, 2018 the current balance for the GGPA is \$18,664.05. This includes \$175.00 in Chapter dues.

##### **Committee Reports:**

- **Program Committee:**
  - Ryan Braid stated that the GGPA is still planning a spring happy hour, please stay tuned for announcements.
- **Membership Committee:**

- No updates.
- **Communications Committee:**
  - Meghann mentioned that some people are not getting the enews or having trouble remoting into the monthly meetings. If you are having these issues, please contact [info@ggpa.org](mailto:info@ggpa.org).
  - Member highlights are needed for the rest of the year. If you are interested in writing a brief article about any grant topic of your choice for the newsletter, please let Meghann know.
- **Every Chapter Challenge:**
  - No updates
- **Southern Regional Grants Conference:** The conference dates are Thursday, April 18-Friday, April 19. Prices are now \$250 for GPA members and \$275 for non-members.
  - A preconference workshop is being held on Wednesday, April 17 and will be hosted by Gail Widner. This session will feature instruction, review, and practice on writing and editing grant proposals (both government and foundation). The cost is \$50 and is available to the first 24 paid participants. 13 spots are still available.
  - Presenters are still needed! Please email Amanda Day at [amandadaygpc@gmail.com](mailto:amandadaygpc@gmail.com) if you are interested!
  - There is a room block for the conference at the Drury Inn for \$105 per night. Volunteers are still needed for the conference, please contact Meghann for information.

**Meeting adjourned and the next meeting will be on March 27, 2018.**