

Anson County Writers' Club
Minutes for April 26, 2009

The Anson County Writers' Club met at the Chamber of Commerce on April 26, 2009. President Elbert Marshall called the meeting to order.

Karen MacMurray made a motion to accept the March minutes as written with a correction being made to the spelling of Beverley Getzen's name. Catherine Crandell seconded. All were in favor.

Ruth Hickman gave the treasurer's report. There was \$2,415.05 in the regular checking account. Ruth said \$73.00 had been spent for a plaque and gift certificate awarded at the February Awards Ceremony and \$50.00 to the Union County Writers' Club for judging the 2008 contests \$6,000.00 had been transferred from the money market account for Carolinas Writers Conference expenses, leaving a balance of \$8,292.05.

The beginning balance in the money market account was \$12,473.20. \$6,000 was transferred to the CWC account to cover expenses. March interest was \$4.16, leaving a balance of \$6,477.36.

Catherine Crandell reminded everyone of the Arts Crawl on Thursday, recognizing Anson County's talented students.

Rufus and Beverley Getzen had no report to give on the contest rules changes. Elbert Marshall brought some suggestions for change: fonts may be choice of the author (replacing type size) and if the entry is hand-written, copy must be hand-printed and just be legible for the judges to read. Use of pre-lined notebook paper is suggested. Entries that have drawings or colored ink on them will be disqualified. Rufus Getzen suggested font size be no smaller than 10-point. Catherine Crandell suggested that students in grades 10-12 follow adult rules. Beverley Getzen made a motion to accept the corrections by adding the font size and discussing the 10-12 changes next time. Sandy Bruney seconded. Betsy Haskell suggested adding that good grammar and spelling are expected. Elbert Marshall said that the club could not make it a rule, but a suggestion. This topic was tabled until the May meeting. All voted in favor of the other changes.

An update on the conference was given. Elbert Marshall said it was a good conference with good leadership. Karen MacMurray, chairman of the CWC committee, received a standing ovation.

Karen shared evaluations handed in by volunteers, attendees and authors. The evaluations were mostly positive.

Elbert Marshall presented the CWC treasurers' report. Revenues included \$563.13 in registrations, \$2,500 ACWC seed money, \$6,000 "loan" from ACWC and \$181.83 in percentage of sales by Walden books. Expenses including fees to authors, meals, board and other expenses for authors, reception, advertising and miscellaneous costs came to \$4,072.17. Ways to cut expenses next year will be discussed by the CWC oversight committee. Elbert Marshall asked that the ACWC sponsor the 1010 conference. Rufus Getzen made a motion that the club extend its sponsorship for another year and hold the balance of the funds as front money for next year. Catherine Crandell seconded and all were in favor.

Elbert Marshall reported that he had given Dusty Moser permission to use the ACWC tent at the Burnsville Spring Fest. This was for the Leadership Anson booth.

Karen MacMurray reported that member Dorothy Morrison had been ill. Members were urged to send get well cards or call.

The business meeting was adjourned and Open Mic was opened. Elbert Marshall read a sonnet, "Lost Soul." Rufus Getzen read a poem called "She Dropped Great Drops Like Tears."

President Marshall announced that Lillie Templeton will be the guest at the May meeting. The ACWC sponsored Ms. Templeton for the 2009 Leadership Anson program. She also is Miss Anson County.

Members present were Elbert Marshall, Karen MacMurray, Betsy Haskell, Barry Bunn, Catherine Crandell, Ruth Hickman, Beverley and Rufus Getzen, Nancy Hibbard (Sandy Bruney's sister from Pennsylvania) and Sandy Bruney.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Bruney, acting secretary