

## Anson County Writers' Club Minutes for August , 2009

The Anson County Writers' Club met August 23, 2009, at the Chamber of Commerce in Wadesboro. President Rufus Getzen called the meeting to order.

Rufus said that if the agenda for future meetings called for a lot of business, there would be no Open Mic; if nothing is urgent the meetings will include Open Mic.

Rufus announced that there will be a Hurricane Hugo workshop at the Union County Library on Aug. 29 for people to write their memories of the event. He also announced that Neil Jones is looking for volunteers to help with the Anson Oral History Project.

Randy Tarlton shared that the H.B. Allen Library is placing ID tags on the outside of books written by authors who attended the 2009 Carolinas Writers Conference .

Carla Marshall, co chairman of the Contest Committee, handed out rules and application forms for the 2009 contests in prose and poetry. The deadline is Dec. 4, 2009. Catherine Crandell, School Liaison, suggested the contest be tied in with the state poetry recitation contest.

Rufus read the treasurer's report: \$15,352.00 in the Money Market account as of June 2008 and \$6,482.78 as of July 2009. The difference is accounted for by a transfer of funds to the CWC account. There was \$465.18 in checking as of Jan. 2008 and \$1,968.71 as of July 2009. He said there was still a need for a volunteer to take that position. Catherine Crandell volunteered to serve. Elbert Marshall made a motion to nominate Catherine for treasurer that was seconded by Beverley Getzen. All were in favor.

Elbert reminded members that People Fest is Oct. 10, 2009. The club decided to have an informational only booth (free) and possibly have electric for \$25 if we show a video of the conference. The consensus was to request a spot in front of the Chamber of Commerce.

Karen MacMurray, Chairman of the CWC Oversight committee, said that she had received an acceptance from Ellyn Bache to speak at the conference. Mary Alice Monroe had been approached, but her price is \$2,000.

Karen said the conference is listed on Wikipedia under conferences and she is busy creating and linking to social marketing sites. Posters advertising the 2010 conference will be sent to libraries in North and South Carolina. She has created a data base for community colleges, colleges and universities to send information to. She said she would like to be listed in North Carolinas Network (NCWC.org) and is looking into the cost.

OPEN MIC: Dorothy Morrison read a chapter from her autobiography on how her parents met and married. Steve Coggin shared books by poets that he felt all poets needed to be familiar with. They included authors Philip Larkin, Stephen Dobyns, Billy Collins, Luis J. Rordiguez, Charles Bukowski and the Outlaw Bible of American Poetry. Steve read several poems from these works. Rufus read a humorous essay about his uncle's parrot that played tricks on unsuspecting family members and traveling salesmen.

Elbert made a motion the June minutes be approved with the exception of one typo. Beverley seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Bruney, acting secretary