

Anson County Writer's Club
Minutes, August 25, 2011

The Anson County Writer's Club met August 25, 2011, at the Anson County Chamber of Commerce. Twelve members, four new members and one guest were present.

President Rufus Getzen opened the meeting. Kaye Ratliff made a motion to approve the June and July minutes as presented. Beverley Getzen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Treasurer Catherine Crandell collected dues for 2011-2012. Dues are \$10.00. There was no treasurer's report.

The slate of officers for 2011-2013 was presented. President Getzen called for nominations from the floor. Carla Marshall made a motion that the nominations be closed and Catherine seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Officers and committee chairs for 2011-2013 are as follows:

- President – Beverley Getzen
- Vice president – Randy Tarlton
- Secretary/Treasurer – Sandy Bruney
- School liaison – Kaye Ratliff
- Contest co-chairs – Randy Tarlton and Kaye Ratliff

Rufus said the \$6,000-\$7,000 is needed for the 2012 Carolinas Writers Conference. He has requested grants from the three local trusts. The Anson County Tourism Development Authority has donated \$500 toward the Friday night program of story tellers. Beverley asked if it might be possible to get donations from local banks and other businesses.

Rufus presented a short review of the ACWC history and programs, including the conference, contests, grants, and anthology for guest Juan Cordova, Chief Learning Officer for Anson County Schools. Mr. Cordova was asked to help promote the contest in the schools. He replied, "I am always looking for ways for students to actualize what they do in the real world." We appreciate Mr. Cordova's support.

Catherine reported that the Arts Council will be holding auditions for a production of "A Christmas Carol." She also said that Anson New Tech students will be writing a script for a performance at the theater.

Rufus said that People Fest in Oct. 8, 2011. Randy made a motion that the club operate a booth to pass out information about the club and for members to sell their books. Kaye seconded and the motion carried.

Open Mic: because of the number of people wanting to read, time was limited to 10 minutes. Readers were:

Elbert Marshall: a poem called "The Darkness" that he wrote while stationed in Alaska in 1967.

Jack Frost: an essay, "Future's Novel" and a poem, "Broken Glass."

Kaye Ratliff: a children's story, "Katy and the Submarine."

Hal Duvall: excerpts from his published novel, "The Vote."

Brenda Smith: a short story, "School Supplies" and two poems, "Red Hats" and "Tomorrow."

Elizabeth Short: a work in progress, "Glimp, Tennessee."

Sandy Bruney: first page of her unpublished novel, "The Lunch Club."

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Members present were: Brenda Smith, Sandy Bruney, Ruth Hickman, Fannie Perkins, Barry Bunn, Kaye Ratliff, Beverley Getzen, Rufus Getzen, Randy Tarlton, Carla Marshall, Elbert Marshall, and Catherine Crandell. New members were Hal and Amaryllis Duvall, Elizabeth Short and Jack Frost. Juan Cordova of Anson County Schools was a guest.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Bruney, secretary