

Anson County Writers' Club
Minutes for March 22, 2009

The Anson County Writers' Club met at the Chamber of Commerce on March 22, 2009. President Elbert Marshall opened the meeting.

Elbert made a motion, seconded by Beverley Getzen, that the ACWC pay the Union County Writers' Club \$50 for their help in judging the 2008 contest. The motion passed unanimously.

There was some discussion on amending the contest rules, particularly in the "legible" requirement, as to whether handwritten entries will be accepted. The specified type sizes, pica and elite, are no longer applicable. The matter was tabled until April. Beverley and Rufus Getzen agreed to bring back suggestions for the 2009 rules.

Carla Marshall reported on the 2008 contests. She said there were 87 prose entries. The largest number of entries were from grades 3-6. There were only 3 adult entries. In the poetry category, there were 60 entries with 29 from the 3-6 grades. There were nine adult entries. There were 147 entries in all.

Sandy Bruney made a motion to amend the By-Laws to separate the office of secretary-treasurer and to put the minutes on the ACWC Web site in a PDF format. Carla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Karen MacMurray gave an update on the writers conference including directions to the reception in Monroe. She asked that volunteers arrive at the Lockhart-Taylor Center before registration begins on Saturday. Karen also requested that the ACWC lend the Oversight Committee \$6,000 to cover expenses that will be incurred before any monies are taken in through registration fees. This will go to pay the caterer at the reception, travel, lodging and fees for featured speakers and a small stipend to participating authors. Rufus made a motion to transfer the funds. Randy Tarlton seconded. The motion passes unanimously. Members of the oversight Committee abstained from the vote.

Carla shared a brochure from the North Carolina Poetry Society explaining the Gilbert-Chappell Distinguished Poet Series. The goal is to foster the reading, writing and enjoyment of poetry across the state. The distinguished Poets, one each from the east, central, and west of North Carolina, will mentor

a middle-school, a high-school (including home-schooled), and a college or university student within the respective regions. For a complete description of the program and guidelines, go to <http://www.sleepycreek.org/poetry/dpsguidelines.htm> . A list of the 2008-2009 distinguished Poets is listed on the NCPS's home page at <http://www.sleepycreek.org/poetry/>

Rufus volunteered to make copies of the brochure to be placed in all Anson County Schools.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Bruney, acting secretary