

Anson County Writers' Club

Minutes for March 2011

The Anson County Writers' Club met at 3:00 pm on March 27, 2011. Five members were present. President Rufus Getzen opened the meeting by distributing copies of the January minutes. After all had read them, Beverley Getzen moved that the minutes be approved as written; Karen MacMurray seconded; all approved.

We discussed the idea of posting the winning entries from the annual writers' contest on the club web site rather than waiting three years for the next issue of *Anson Pathways*. No one thought that doing so would significantly impact sales of printed copies, but Dorothy Morrison suggested that we publish each year's winners as a mini ebook for 99 cents or similar low price. Everyone agreed that doing so might be a better alternative than posting the winning entries on our own web site. There was some speculation regarding how much additional work would be required to publish as a PDF on the web or as an eBook. Some members were unaware that the club paid Marshall-Bruney to prepare the book manuscript. Assigning someone to look into publishing an ebook was postponed until after the writers conference.

Kaye Ratliff indicated that she has a manuscript -- a collection of children's stories -- that she would like club members to critique. There were several comments to the effect that more critiques and less rambling discussion might be a good idea. Beverley suggested that a mechanism for distributing manuscripts and critiques could be a club Gmail account with a shared password available to all members who might want to comment on postings. This would work like a private message board with attachments.

We discussed the writers conference, volunteers, and tasks to be performed.

Open mic: Kaye Ratliff read three poems on the subject of people who compulsively cut themselves -- "Goth," "How Do You Paint Your World," and "Zen Dying." Dorothy Morrison read her one-page synopsis of her memoir, "Introducing *Rise and Shine*." Both Kaye and Dorothy seemed pleased with the feedback they got.

The meeting was adjourned shortly after 5:00 pm.

Submitted by Rufus Getzen in the absence of the secretary