

## Anson County Writers' Club Minutes for May 2010

The Anson County Writers' Club met May 23, 2010, with 11 members present. President Rufus Getzen opened the meeting.

Catherine Crandell made a motion that the minutes be accepted as written. Beverley Getzen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Catherine presented the financial report. Beverley made a motion that it be accepted and Karen MacMurray seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Old business:** Elbert Marshall presented the financial report for the Carolinas Writers Conference: \$5,417.17 in expenses and \$2,087.93 in revenue. \$3,376.72 was carried over from the 2009 conference, leaving a minus balance of \$2.97. Elbert said that the club must maintain a \$100 balance in the account. Catherine said that the Anson County Arts Council would donate the cost of the box lunches except for those that were sold to attendees, adding \$269.30 back to the account (for a balance of \$266.33).

Karen made a motion that the ACWC co-sponsor the 2011 conference. Ruth Hickman seconded the motion. Catherine added an amendment that the Oversight Committee look into ways to raise money for the conference. Applying for grants, seeking corporate sponsors and holding a fundraiser were discussed. The amendment passed unanimously and the motion to co-sponsor the conference also passed unanimously. Karen said that South Piedmont Community College had already agreed to be a sponsor.

Elbert said he needed to know how many anthologies the club wants printed. He said he had not yet heard back from the printer, Print Plus in Marshville.

There was some discussion of raising the annual dues to \$10.00, but no decision was made.

**Open Mic:** Mary Garris read a poem, "The King is Coming," and showed some awards she had received including a congratulatory letter from former president Bill Clinton.

Kaye Ratliff read three poems on the subject of getting older.

Sandy Bruney read a paranormal short story: "Presto! Presto?"

Bob Katrin read a short story , "Aer God." Bob said he had written several stories using the same characters and members suggested he tie these together in book form.

It was decided that Open Mic readings were not the same as a critique. Members who want their works critiqued should bring typed copies that will be given to people who are willing to critique them. These can be returned at the next meeting or the comments can be e-mailed to the author.

Bob agreed to draw up a set of rules for those making critiques to follow to ensure that each critique will be helpful. He will bring these to the June meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Bruney, secretary