

Anson County Writers' Club Minutes for November 2011

The Anson County Writers Club met Nov. 13 with six members present.

Before coming to order, Beverley Getzen mentioned the Book 'Em literary festival to be held in Lumberton in February. Several members expressed an interest in carpooling to the event.

President Beverly Getzen called the meeting to order. She said she had reformatted the final report to the Humanities Council for the 2011 grant to meet state requirements and resubmitted it.

Catherine Crandell made a motion to accept the October minutes as presented by secretary Sandy Bruney. Randy Tarlton seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Rufus Getzen reported that the conference account had two deposits: \$1,000 from the Smith Trust and \$500 from A.C. Tourism Development to be used for the storytelling event for a balance of \$2,341.00. Rufus said that Anson Bank & Trust had agreed to donate \$350 toward the printing of the complimentary tote bags.

Sandy Bruney presented the treasurer's report. She said the interest from the CD was split between the two accounts with \$4,681.00 to the Money Market account for a balance of \$8,661.53 and the remaining \$500 to the business account. \$166.00 in dues and Pathways sales was also deposited in October. Debits included \$20.35 to the state for sales tax, \$170.49 to MBMC for website hosting renewal and maintenance, and \$18.88 to Sandy for postage 08-10 to 08-11, leaving a balance of \$858.18. She said that she had paid a bill to Sam Turner for \$225 that was not reflected in the Oct. statement, for a balance of \$633.18.

Randy made a motion to accept the report and was seconded by Rufus. All were in favor.

The grant program was discussed but no decision was made because not enough members were present. Sandy said that two grants had been given out, one to Ansonville for a writing boot camp and one to HOLLA! for its literary festival, but that no one had applied in two years. Members suggested that the club do a better job of advertising the availability of funds to promote writing in the county.

The writing contest was discussed and members agreed that an effort needed to be made to reach children and youths as the schools are not promoting it. Information is to be sent to HOLLA!, Greater St. Matthews, 4-H, Burnsville Recreation and Learning Center and Thursday's Child.

We have agreed to judge the UCWC poetry contest. Dorothy Morrison, Sandy Bruney and Kaye Ratliff will judge the entries. (Note: Dorothy had a conflict so Elizabeth Short helped judge.)

Open Mic: Dorothy read "The Clothes Ghost Rides Again," a humorous poem for children that she is considering turning into an illustrated book. She also read a short story, "Sputnik," that drew on her childhood memories. She said she divides her writing in funny/silly; mystical/spiritual; sexy; character studies; and uncharacteristable.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Bruney, secretary

Members present: Beverley Getzen, Rufus Getzen, Dorothy Morrison, Sandy Bruney, Randy Tarlton, Catherine Crandell.