

Anson County Writers' Club
Minutes for October 2011

The Anson County Writers' Club met Oct. 23, 2011, at the Chamber of Commerce. President Beverley Getzen opened the meeting.

Rufus Getzen made a motion that the September minutes be approved. Brenda Smith seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Sandy Bruney gave the treasurer's report. She said the club's CD had matured and was automatically renewed for 3 years at 0.80%. She said that Brandis Chewning at Anson Bank & Trust would renew it at the club's discretion and would waive the penalty for withdrawing the interest if a decision was made at the October meeting.

She also reported that \$15 in book sales and \$140 in dues had been deposited, and that a bill to Marshall Bruney Media Consultants for website hosting renewal and maintenance, and a payment for N.C. sales tax and penalty had been paid, leaving a balance of \$366.06. The Money Market account earned 16 cents interest, for an ending balance of \$3,980.27.

Beverley reported that the ACWC manned booths at the Morven Falls Festival and at People Fest in Wadesboro in October. Some anthologies were sold, and informative materials about the club, the contests and the writers conference were distributed to interested people.

Sandy Bruney raised the question of continuing the contests after this three-year circuit is finished. She mentioned the cost of prizes and printing the anthology when entries have been so few, especially with the lack of cooperation from the schools. Brenda made a motion that the contests be reevaluated after the 2012 contests and that the anthology be published as a print-on-demand book to save costs. Karen MacMurray seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Brenda made a motion to remove the grant offering from the website after Sandy suggested the money could be spent on the conference and that there had been only one person to request a grant in three years. Rufus suggested members be made aware of the question and ask for a decision at the November meeting.

Members decided to hold the next meeting Nov. 13 as many members said they would be out of town either the weekend before or the weekend after Thanksgiving.

Ruth Hickman made a motion to roll over the CD for 17 months at 0.75% interest, and to withdraw the interest earned to date. Elizabeth Short seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Rufus reported that we had received a \$1,000 grant from the Smith Trust for the 2012 conference. He has not heard back from the other two foundations.

Rufus added that he and Dorothy Morrison had visited Stan Sidor, president of South Piedmont Community College, who strongly supported the conference. Dr. Sidor said that someone from the college authorized to submit requisitions will be added to the oversight committee.

Karen said she had been in touch with a literary agent and was to hear back shortly if she can be at the conference.

Program: Elizabeth Short present a program on "How to Make a Monster." Members brought props including stuffed animals. Elizabeth said that everyone has some secret, deep fear. To create a monster, you must start with something normal, even something that makes you feel secure. The rules are 1) you can't change the way it looks; 2) it can't be covered in gore; and 3) it can't use weapons. Members discussed ways that the objects reflected psychological and paranormal powers of the mind rather than physical activity on the part of the object.

Members were saddened to hear that Betsy Haskell is moving to Texas to be closer to family. Betsy is a charter member of the ACWC and will be missed. A farewell luncheon was planned to be held at The Malsgate before she left.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Bruney, secretary

Members present: Sandy Bruney, Rufus and Beverley Getzen, Ruth Hickman, Karen MacMurray, Elizabeth Short and Brenda Smith.