

Anson County Writers' Club Minutes for September , 2009

The Anson County Writers' Club met September 27, 2009, at the Chamber of Commerce in Wadesboro. Ten members and four guests attended. President Rufus Getzen called the meeting to order and introduced Pheobe Medlin, director of the Hampton b. Allen Library, Doc Howell, director of the Anson County Arts Council, and Bob Katrin and Donna Burr, prospective members.

A flier was passed around advertising a publishing workshop to be held in Durham Oct. 24.

Rufus said that our booth for People Fest will be in front of the Chamber office and that we will have electricity if we want to run a slide show of photos from the conference. Our table must be set up by 8:30 a.m. and closed down at 4:00 p.m. Rufus has printed out copies of the contest rules and entry forms to hand out. We will have sample copies of Anson Pathways anthologies to show, but not to sell. Elbert Marshall will be asked to provide copies of the poster/flier he made with short bios of two presenters, Ellyn Bache and Michael Malone.

Catherine Crandell gave the treasurer's report. Sandy Bruney moved to accept the report as presented and Beverley Getzen seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The minutes were read. Beverley made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and Carla Marshall seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Carla said the contest rules and applications have been delivered to all elementary schools. Catherine said she would get copies to the middle and high schools.

Carla reported on the conference in the absence of Karen MacMurray. Karen has extended an invitation to the Charlotte Writers Club to be a co-sponsor of the conference. She also recommended that there be six sessions for the single presentations instead of five. Some suggestions were made to the invitation that will go before the Oversight Committee.

Phoebe Medlin made a proposal asking that the library be an official sponsor of the conference. She said she could contact authors who appeared at past HOLLA! literacy festivals and that she had contacts with both writers and publishers. Phoebe said publishers and self-publishing are a missing part of the conference. Friends of the Library could bring one major author and possibly a minor one. The authors would be put up at a Bed and Breakfast in Wadesboro which the library would pay for.

Beverley Getzen said the library's sponsorship would send out a message that this is a community event.

Phoebe said that the next literacy festival will be held on Saturday, Feb. 6, and that she hoped the ACWC would have a table there as they did in 2008.

Catherine made a motion that the club accept the library's proposal to come an additional sponsor. Randy Tarlton seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

There was some discussion about inviting the Carolina Conspiracy and the Cheraw Writers Club as sponsors also.

Randy made a motion to recommend to the Oversight Committee that the conference have levels of sponsorship to be explained in the invitation. Beverley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Catherine Crandell asked if the club was interested in inviting Glynis Redmond or another minority poet. She said there is a possibility that she would be doing a workshop in the schools and could stay over Saturday to do a session. Members indicated they were in favor of this.

Members decided we needed to lock in the reception date at Old Mill Gallery. Catherine said wine can beer served there, but not in the Ingram Room. Phoebe said she would look into having a blue grass band or some type of live music for the reception.

Mary Garris displayed some of the CDs she has of her songs.

People Fest volunteers signed a schedule for Oct. 10: Setup, Randy Tarlton and Sandy Bruney; morning, Beverley and Rufus Getzen; Midday, Betsy Haskell and Ruth Hickman; afternoon, Carla Marshall and Barry Bunn; decamp, Sandy and Randy.

Doc Howell gave a short history of his background said that his purpose as director of the arts council was to explore, develop and promote art in Anson County. He said also that he enjoys writing Haiku.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Bruney, secretary