

Anson County Writers' Club Minutes for September 2011

The Anson County Writers' Club met Sunday, Sept. 25, 2011, with 8 members and 1 guest present.

Before opening the meeting, President Beverley Getzen reported on a program at Wadesboro Elementary School called Book Buddies. From Oct. 3-7, a person can buy a book for a child for just \$5.00 and help that child select the book. Beverley urged everyone to help promote reading through this program.

After opening the meeting, Rufus Getzen made a motion the minutes of the August meeting be approved and was seconded by Elizabeth Short. The motion passed. Kaye Ratliff made a motion that the treasurer's report be approved and was seconded by Rufus. This motion also passed.

Dave Smith suggested that the two bank checking accounts be set up to avoid future overdrafts. Sandy said she would inquire about this. *NOTE: Catherine reported that the overdraft had been waived.*

Old business: The club agreed to have a booth at People Fest Oct. 8 and hand out literature about the club, the 2011 prose and poetry contests and the Carolinas Writers Conference; and to sell Anson Pathways. The anthologies will be priced at \$5 for the most recent copy, and \$2 for older copies. Several members volunteered to help during the day.

New business: Mayor Solomon has contacted the club to set up a table at the Morven October Festival Oct. 1. It was agreed by consensus to have a table there. Several members agreed to man this table.

Conference update: Rufus reported that four storytellers had contracted for Friday evening. A name for the event has yet to be chosen. The committee is still trying to get a technical writer.

Contest: Kaye said that an article has been submitted to both newspapers and copies of the rules and applications are at the H.B. Allen Library and at the Chamber of Commerce.

Open Mic: Elizabeth submitted a short story (read aloud by Beverley) called "Seurat vs. Pollack" that was well received with a few technical suggestions made by members. She was urged to submit the story to the Union County Writers' Club contest.

Kaye read two poems, "Beach House" and "Wandering." Both poems earned positive comments from members with one suggestion for a word change.

Next Meeting: Elizabeth offered to present a program titled "How to Make a Monster" that she has done with her middle school students. Members asked her to present this on October 23. Elizabeth told members to bring a prop, preferably one they don't want to be afraid of after making it a monster.

Beverley then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Bruney, secretary

Members present were Sandy Bruney, Rufus and Beverley Getzen, Betsy Haskell, Ruth Hickman, Fannie Perkins, Kaye Ratliff and Elizabeth Short. Dave Smith was a guest.

