

Village Writers' Club Minutes

April 25, 2016

Mary Lou Moran, president, called the meeting to order at 1 p.m. in Room 6, Coronado Community Center. She welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes, March 28, 2016: The minutes were approved as posted on the club website.

Financial Report: Melissa Sonnen, treasurer was absent. The financial report was read by President, Mary Lou Moran. The Village Writers' Club has now reported an Operating Fund balance of \$1,815.74 and a Workshop/Anthology Fund balance of \$1,612.38 for a total balance of \$3,428.12 as of April 1, 2016. The complete end-of-month report is posted on the website.

L'Audible Art, May 9, 2016: Marlene Kloack, chairman, asked for volunteers to help with set-up, refreshments, and clean-up, and to help man an information table about Village Writers' Club.

Chairpersons' Reports:

Membership: Nancy Foris, membership chairman, introduced several guests and also new members, Charles Heaton Allen and Norm Morgan.

Workshops: (More details about each event are listed on the VWC website)

- One-day workshop, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 14, in the auditorium at Coronado Center, HSV, led by Drs. Stephanie and John Vanderslice. Topics are Creative Fiction, Nonfiction, Memoirs, and Publishing Today.

Summer Mini-Workshops:

- Monday, June 27, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Coronado Center. Dannel Botkin will present a Digital Marketing Workshop about how to use social media effectively to market one's writing or special events.
- Monday, July 25, 2016: 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Coronado Center. Madelyn Young will present Five Secrets to Writing Memorable Short Stories.
- Monday, August 22, 2016: Poetry Workshop to be presented by Myra Rustin from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Coronado Center

Program Chair Report: John Swinburn offered a program summary report. See attached.

Other: Jerry Davis reported the McAuley Senior Center will be presenting a series of workshops in May. Jerry Davis and Mary Lou Moran will be teaching Community and Readers Theater. John Swinburn will be teaching Creative Writing, Jerry Schutz will be teaching public speaking and Joe Poindexter will be teaching Arkansas History. A similar list of classes will be offered at the Hot Springs Center with slightly different teachers. These classes are free, but modest donations are accepted.

Election of Officers:

President Mary Lou Moran opened the floor for election of officers for the 2016-2018 term of office.

Jerry Davis, Nominating Committee Chair, reported the recommendation of the committee of Marlene Kloack as nominee for President. There were no other nominations from the floor. A motion was made by John Swinburn and seconded by Carole Sjolander that Marlene be elected by acclamation. There being no objection, Marlene was elected unanimously by the membership.

Jerry Davis, Nominating Committee Chair, reported the recommendation of the committee of Suzanne Bratcher for the office of Vice President. There were no other nominations from the floor. A motion was made by Nancy Foris and seconded by John Swinburn that Suzanne be elected by acclamation. There being no objection, Suzanne was elected unanimously by the membership.

Jerry Davis, Nominating Committee Chair, reported the recommendation of the committee of John Swinburn for the office of Treasurer. There were no other nominations from the floor. A motion was made by Carole Sjolander and seconded by Myra Rustin that John be elected by acclamation. There being no objection, John was elected unanimously by the membership.

Jerry Davis, Nominating Committee Chair, offered no nomination for the office of Secretary. There were no nominations from the floor. President Mary Lou Moran offered the issue to the membership. After a discussion, Carole Sjolander offered to accept the office of Secretary. There being no objection, Carole was unanimously elected by the membership.

Our Board of Directors will comprise Marlene Kloack as President, Suzanne Bratcher as Vice President/Program Chair, John Swinburn as Treasurer, Carole Sjolander as Secretary, and Mary Lou Moran as Past President.

Mary Lou Moran thanked the current Board of Directors and congratulated the new Board.

L’Audible Art Practice: Those who signed up for L’ Audible Art were given the opportunity to practice. Our total number of readers as of today is 19. Practice went very well. Marlene Kloack will send out any further instructions to the readers. The readers will receive a L’ Audible Art line-up so they know when they will perform.

Mary Lou adjourned the meeting at 3 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerry Davis, Past President

Attached: Program Chair Report and Financial Report