

Village Writers' Club Minutes

March 28, 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, February 22, 2016: The minutes were approved as posted on the club website.

Financial Report: Melissa Sonnen, treasurer, has now reported an Operating Fund balance of \$1,807.87 and a Workshop/Anthology Fund balance of \$1,612.38 for a total balance of \$3,420.25 as of March 31, 2016. The complete end-of-month report is posted on the website.

Winners of Celebrate Music Short Story Contest:

- First place, John Swinburn, "As If Woven on a Loom"
- Second place, John Achor, "Murder in D Major and D Minor"
- Third place, Madelyn Young, "The Magic of Music"

Each winner received a check (\$15, \$10, \$5) and a certificate. Mary Lou thanked Contest Chair Millie Lancaster for organizing the two club contests this year.

L'Audible Art, May 9, 2016: Marlene Kloack, chairman, reminded members to bring two copies of their stories, poems, and essays to the April 25 meeting when we will practice reading our pieces before a group. One copy of each manuscript will remain with Marlene. Each reader is limited to five minutes (650-700 words). Each participant should also bring a short bio (about 50 words) for the emcee to use as an introduction during the event. Marlene 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 member, Barrie Gauthier. Welcome, Barrie!

Nominating Committee: Jerry Davis, chairman of the Nominating Committee, asked any member who is interested in serving as an officer in 2016-2018 to please contact him. New officers will be elected at the April meeting and will be installed in June.

New Writers' Group: Judy Lacy has organized a group for novice writers who would like to share their writing in an informal setting. Contact Judy at 226-5328 or LacyJWrites@gmail.com

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

- National award-winning author, Keija Parssinen, will speak at 3 p.m. Friday, April 15, in Room 6 at Coronado Center, HSV. She will discuss the research and writing of her books.
- 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, who will speak about 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, HSV. Danett 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, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Coronado Center, HSV. Madelyn Young will present Five Secrets to Writing Memorable Short Stories.

Honoring member John Achor : To express appreciation to John for his longtime support of Village Writers' Club, members arranged a special sendoff for John and his wife, Pat, to wish them well on their upcoming move to Nebraska. (Photos and article are on the website.)

John Swinburn, program chair, introduced today's program, "A Look Inside." This roundtable discussion among the members and guests helped us learn what writers write; why writers write; why writers write *what* they write; and what writers believe are the best ways to improve the art of writing. John distributed cards with suggested questions to discuss. Participants enjoyed telling what prompted them to begin writing. They revealed some of their experiences with writing and explained when critique of their writing had hurt them or helped them.

Mary Lou adjourned the meeting at 3 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Madelyn Young, Secretary

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