

VILLAGE WRITERS' CLUB MINUTES
February 27, 2017
Coronado Community Center, Room 6

President Marlene Kloack called the meeting to order at 1 p.m., and welcomed members and 26 guests: Carolyn Sinderson, Woodie Davis, Jerry Clay, Mary Ellen Farmer, Ruth Coverly, Chery Batts, Doris Woodruff, Tom Woodruff, Glenn Weller, Hazel Wright, Dotty Rector, Nancy Dixon, Marcia Sandula, Bobbie Conardy, George Aldrich, Jean Mayer, Rita Bohn, Celinda Chapman, Ronnie Zuege, Joanne Hanson, Christina Davidson, Sally Davidson, Sue Hood, Debbie Bostick, Cindy Conrad, Sandy Williams.

Total attendance not available.

Minutes for the January 23 meeting are posted on the website. January minutes were approved.

Financial Report as of February 27, 2017. Operating Fund: \$1647.86; Workshop/Anthology Fund: \$1979.96. Total \$3687.22. Financial Report for February 28, 2017 will be posted on the website.

Community Fair will be Wednesday, April 5, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Coronado Community Center. This is an opportunity to showcase the club and invite new members. Published authors in the club may display their books. President Kloack urged members to attend/help with the Fair.

Arkansas Writers' Conference will take place on June 3, 2017. Information for the conference can be found on the conference website: www.arkansaswritersconference.org. A link to the conference will also be posted on VWC website.

Writing Contest only one member had begun working on the contest. Submissions will be accepted at the March meeting.

Program

Linda Black introduced Janis Kearney whose presentation was entitled "Writing our Lives: Rediscovering Lost Memories." Ms. Kearney is a celebrated writer, publisher, teacher, and presidential diarist. She has written 8 books including the critically acclaimed *Cotton field of Dreams: A Memoir*. Kearney is the recipient of several awards including the prestigious University of Arkansas Journalism Lemke Award. In 2016 she was inducted into the Arkansas Writers Hall of Fame.

Kearney focused her presentation on the importance of rediscovering memories and how to recapture the long-forgotten or repressed moments of our past in order to create meaningful memoirs. During the presentation members and guests were led through two simple exercises in recalling past memories.

Notes for Minutes take by Jeanne Larsen