

Minutes for the Village Writers' Club

November 28, 2016

Coronado Community Center

President Marlene Kloack called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. She welcomed members and guests.

Guests: Helen VanStone, Suzie Reed, Dotty Rector, Shirlee Wilson, Dennis Ford, Judy Anderson, Sarah Jones, and Neala Gunderson

Total attendance was nineteen.

Kloack reminded members that the club needs their help. Current open positions: Secretary, Workshops, L'Audible Art, Contests, and Membership. Madelyn Young volunteered to help with L'Audible Art. Thanks Maddie.

After a brief discussion, the club voted to sponsor a contest at the Arkansas Writers' Conference in Little Rock. This contest is prose fiction on the topic of "holiday story" (any holiday). Maximum of 1500 words and open only to residents of Arkansas. VWC members may not enter our own contest. Prize money of \$100 total.

Minutes were approved as posted.

Treasurer John Swinburn reported an Operating fund of \$1,601.96, Workshop fund of \$1,939.96 for a total balance of \$3,541.92.

Members were reminded of our holiday luncheon at the Desoto Club on December 19 at 12:30. Be sure to RSVP to Kloack at Mkloackm@aol.com or Swinburn at jsswinburn@gmail.com. Checks should be made out to VWC for \$21 per person. This includes everything except your bar tab.

Kloack adjourned the business meeting and introduced today's speaker.

Vice-president Suzanne Bratcher agreed to do this program when our scheduled speaker canceled.

Bratcher presented ten tips for writing better Christmas letters. She looked at the process from a writer's perspective. Have fun and entertain. One source for free images is www.Pixabuy.com.

Notes taken by Myra S. Rustin