

Bayou Writers' Group

Regular Meeting

August 2, 2014

President Linda Hurst called the regular meeting of the BWG to order at 10:02, welcoming guest speaker Dr. Williams of McNeese, guests, and members.

There were pins for all McNeese alumni on this special McNeese Appreciation Day. (We had a standing room only crowd and had to bring in extra chairs (54 were present)).

BRAGS: Mark Allen—TV interview now on YouTube; Pam Thibodaux was interviewed by *Southern Writers*; Pat Fox has a book out; Peggy Borel—art on display; and Sherry Perkins has an article published.

Membership list: please correct and verify as we pass the list around.

Sherry Perkins gave the treasurer's report. Membership dues for the remainder of the year is \$10.00.

November 8, 2014—annual BWG conference. Scholarships are available.

Our anthology is almost ready. Formatting to begin. Tara did the cover art. The anthology will be donated to Bobby Dower.

Flea Fest—November 15-16—tables reserved over Friday and Saturday for sales. Shifts to sale BWG members' books. See Peggy.

Louisiana Book Festival—November 1st Table for BWG. See Linda Lenard.

Conference committee needs help to clean up after the conference ends. See Cliff. Conference committee chairman Bev reports that all speakers are committed. Chris will do the food at the conference. The goody bags are underway (Beth). Bev will ask authors for suggestions about selections for the bookstore. The Panel will be before lunch so the authors can sale and autograph their books. Some very nice door prizes!

Gator Bites—short pieces (200 words) and poetry needed. Information online. Contact Sherry.

Members Only Contest: Cliff. Deadline: September 1, 2014. Rules online.

Anthology will be on sale at the conference.

Guidelines for On the Wall are online.

Linda Hurst honors former students who teach writing and are children's authors: Amanda—1st grade, Tara Pena—Kindergarten, and Jason McGee—Headstart.

Beth reported on the Young Writers Contest (high school). A fiction and poetry winner had been selected.

Cliff introduced our speaker, Dr. Philip Williams, President of McNeese University. He spoke our point of view and voice in writing.

Meeting adjourned: 11:40.

