

Bayou Writers Group  
Membership Meeting Minutes  
2/6/16

- Cliff called the meeting to order
- We welcomed Allie Poole. She attends Vidor High School and loves to write.
- New member—Taylor—all sorts of writing
- Busy Board meeting
  - David will be guest speaker today on the craft of writing
  - B. J. Bourge (?spelling)—mystery writer will be next speaker
  - Shelagh—will speak in the future on using Twitter and social media
  - Shelagh was appointed conference chair
- We circulated a list of those willing to volunteer for the conference committee
- Treasurer's report—we have money. Are in the process of making final grant deposits; grant money has been spent. Specific report is available if members want to see it.
- Possible speakers for future meetings
- Conference Committee meetings—need to find meeting time; watch email; participate if possible
- 1<sup>st</sup> round of grants. Cliff wrote for the first time
  - \$1369 from the city of Lake Charles
  - New grant for organizational expenses \$813
- Publicist—Write your Heart out; Family Book Fest; McNeese Leisure Learning; Children's Writers and Illustrators. Circulated sign up sheet to member read for Art Walk (April 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>)—need to know who is interested. Houma conference is April 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Cliff has been acting chair for the conference. Venue—same; will moved book room into main room.
- Beth—timeline for Anthology—approved by the board; coordinates YWC; have worked to coordinate between the 2 so that contest winners can be included in the next Anthology. Support of Youth through YWC is a big asset for us in the grant seeking process.
- Long range planning—we are looking to develop a 5 year plan
- Beth passing copies of the Anthology and YWC fliers—they will be posted on the website.
- Mark—has copies of his new book for sale.
- Lowell B.—worn 3<sup>rd</sup> place
- Children's Writers and Illustrators conference Sat. 27<sup>th</sup> at the SEED center. 8-4 breakfast and lunch included
- Jess---next book, keep eyes open for it.
- Debbie Sonnier—(romantic suspense) *Smoke and Mirrors*
- Linda Todd—new book in 5 weeks.