

Bayou Writers Group
General Membership Meeting
October 3, 2015
Minutes

- 1) Call to Order—meeting was called to order by Cliff Seiber, President
 - a) Sign in sheet circulated.
 - b) Cliff announced table in the room with books on it. See it, like it, take it. No drawings today.
- 2) Introduction of Guests
 - a) Jackie—daughter of Lowell; he reported she had a 4-5 piece article in the Jambalya last year.
- 3) Announcements
 - a) Anthology release is on hold due to confusion with Stellar Beans over the October 23 date. EBook is available as of today.
 - b) Mary Ned recently suffered a fall. She is recovering and asks for prayers
 - c) Next month, the meeting will be devoted to final conference prep. Member readings if time allows
 - d) Scholarships are available for the conference—information and application on the website
 - e) collected for registration
 - f) Conference business—down to the end of planning, this is not the time for new ideas for this year. Cliff asked that we listen to Sherry's report
 - g) Sherry/Conference
 - i) Nice progress, few details to be address
 - ii) Volunteers will be needed. Please volunteer conscientiously. Take into consideration your time when you make the commitment. Please honor commitments.
 - iii) Gator Bites—Looking for 4 more submissions to expand the brochure. Deadline is next week.
 - iv) Donations for Breakfast/Snack needed
 - (1) Need breakfast items by 7 a.m.
 - (2) Money donations accepted—see Beth
 - (3) Chris will attempt to locate left over supplies from last year
 - v) Merrilyn—On the Wall—a best first page contest. Submissions are anonymous. Prize is free admission to next year's conference. Open to paid attendees. Will accept first 20 submissions. Please participate
 - vi) Sylvia—bookroom—During the last 30 minutes of the lunch break some authors will be signing their work. People selling in the bookroom must sign up to work in bookroom. Other volunteers will be needed.
 - vii) Kelly needs door prizes and goodie bag “stuff” by the November meeting. She lives out of town and would have to make a special trip to obtain “stuff” not available by then. Caroline texted that she was unable to obtain flash drives for the goodie bags.
 - viii) Sherry showed the Langiappe ad. \$300—a discount rate for non-profit agencies
 - ix) Friday, Nov. 13—volunteers will be needed to set up and decorate.
 - x) Dinner at Pat's of Henderson—6/6:30—dutch treat
 - xi) Drivers will be needed for 4 out of town guests—flight details not yet available
 - h) Linda L. brought up the State Book Fair—some discussion. Reservation and payment of table has not been made. Terri consulted previous meeting notes. Reported discussion from July meeting. Disagreement over that information noted. She reported no motion or vote to spend the money or act. Result, BWG will not have a table this year. Sherry

motioned to send conference materials with someone who is attending. Pam seconded. Vote was unanimous.

- i) Culture Fest, October 24 at the Civic Center—History of books, how books were made in the past, and how books are made/constructed in other countries.
- j) Beth—YWC, she reported enthusiasm from the middle school principals. School librarians are good contacts. Linda L. suggested the use of bookmarks to advertise and promote the contest next year.
- k) Cliff—would like to recognize all of the hard work going on behind the scene for the conference. This is an all volunteer effort. No one is being paid.
- l) The mayor will appear at the conference and proclaim BWG day.
- m) Chris—members only contest is proceeding. Submissions received at the last minute. Now waiting for judges to complete their task. Beth is making certificates
- n) Sylvia presented the speaker.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri A. Crochet