

Maine Media Women  
Minutes of the Meeting on January 9, 2010

On Saturday, January 9 (postponed from the 2<sup>nd</sup> because of snow) we met at the Mobius center in Damariscotta. Attending were 20 members and 2 guests.

President Carol Jaeger opened the meeting at 10:00.

She told the members that Marilia Hornidge is suffering from shingles on her face. Her eyes have been affected and she can't read. Carol had requested that members bring books on CD to lend to Marilis, and she collected many CDs, which she planned to deliver to Marilis on the following day. She noted that Marilis would appreciate receiving cards, but probably not phone calls at this point, as she sleeps whenever she can.

Carol gave the treasurer's report: We have:

- \$7,198.82 in our general account
- \$2,407.73 in our scholarship fund

She reminded us that, several years ago, we suspended the scholarship temporarily to restructure the way we award it, and also to increase the fund so that we could give scholarships of more than \$500. We awarded the first scholarship under the new system in May of 2009. We had only one applicant, but the scholarship committee decided that she merited the award.

The award goes to a woman graduating from a Maine high school and attending college to study communications. A new member asked if we would consider eliminating the age restriction. Carol said we could consider that in the future, and noted that mini-grants are available for MMW members who are furthering their education.

The issue was raised — as it has been in the past — that any money we award will be deducted from aid the student already receives from the college. Carol said the scholarship committee has studied this issue and found that the deduction is unavoidable. However, receiving the award looks good on a student's record.

Carol proposed that we take \$500 from the general account and put it in the scholarship fund, and that we give a scholarship of \$1,000 in May 2010. The motion was made and seconded, and passed unanimously.

She reported that the Karen Van Allsburg Scholarship fund stands as follows:

- \$1,235.12 in our own account
- \$1,000 at Maine Media Workshops

This is enough to fund the scholarship for four more years at \$500 per scholarship.

Cheryl McKeary noted that she posts the minutes of our meetings on our Web site.

There being no further business, we did our 15-second introductions, then Carol introduced our speakers for the first of our two Members' Showcase programs; the second will take place at Rockland Congregational Church on February 6.

Fran Gay spoke about the use of pastels, showed us some of her work, and passed around samples of soft and hard pastels for us to try.

Nancy Wilson read from her manuscript for a book, tentatively titled "The Yurt: A Memoir" about her experiences building and living in a yurt during the 1970s.

Sherry Hanson spoke about how to find freelance work during bad times and gave us a handout summarizing her suggestions.

Joyce Pye read both an essay and a poem about the room that was her home in Galway while she was doing research for her book about the makers of musical instruments in Ireland.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janice Lindsay  
Substituting for Secretary  
Genie Dailey