

Minutes of TMTW November 15, 2011

Members present: Anne Van Loon, Reba Seals, Phyllis Musgrove, Eleanor Taylor, Eaine Davenport, Edy Elfring, David Seals, Jackie Siglin, Marian Frueh, Petei Guth, Darrell White, Daileen, Janith Stephenson, Donna Greene

The meeting started with Eleanor Taylor presenting the program, "Finding Your Island, A Writing Meditation, or, In Search of Your Right Brain." Eleanor led us in several meditation exercises to use to relax the mind in order for the right brain to function at its best. We followed the exercises and then wrote the thoughts that popped into our minds and read them out loud to the group.

Following refreshment time members read their writing opportunities and were reminded to send their work to Marian for the Chaos.

The treasurer's report was approved (we have \$4903.52 currently in our account) and the minutes from last month's meeting were approved with one correction on the spelling of Anne Van Loon's name.

Computer problems involving downloading our newsletter was discussed. Thirteen of our group have no problems; five cannot open anything past the opening page of the newsletter. More study needs to be done to figure out solutions to the problem.

Regarding the spring writer's conference, Reba contacted the head of the Writers League of Texas who promptly recommended six possible presenters who all contacted Reba saying they were interested in presenting! Three will be chosen. The conference is scheduled for the last weekend in April 2012 in Fort Davis.

The conference committee will meet at the Longhorn November 17.

The TMTW Christmas Party will be held December 13 at 6:30 PM at Daileen's home outside of Fort Davis. It is a potluck dinner. Please RSVP Daileen at mountainspirit@wildblue.net. She needs to know if you're coming, who you're bringing, and what food you will bring. Daileen recommends that you bring your favorite food. We do plan to carpool from Alpine. More details will be issued in the next newsletter.

There will be Christmas carol singing at the party and a "Chinese Gift Exchange" like we've done in the past.

Reba reported that a Christmas story she wrote last year will be included in an anthology.

Writing opportunities for the December meeting are:

- 1) Christmases I've loved (or not)
- 2) Winter solstice
- 3) This has been a year full of _____.

Eleanor gave us a handout reminding us to suggest possible presenters for our meetings.

The meeting was adjourned with all of us wishing the very best for Phyllis' recovery.