

On October 20, 2009 president, Donna Greene, called the Texas Mountain Writers meeting to order in the Fort Davis Library. The minutes were read by Janith Stephenson and approved. The treasurer's report is the same as last time with \$3,018.02 in the account.

Some members of the Lubbock Writer's group would like to meet with us Halloween night Saturday Oct. 31 at approximately 7:00-7:15 PM at the Marfa Lights viewing area to visit and read ghost stories. Donna will keep us updated about the details.

Lynn Adler and Lindy Hearne's home from the Spring Hollow Organic Song Farm in East TX was flooded by 20 " of rain in one day which is considered a 100 year flood. They will be giving a benefit concert this weekend in East Texas.

Under new business is the Spring Conference; we need to lock in a date. We explored in April. April 17-18 is Relay for Life, the Gem & Mineral Show, True Value plant sale, and Go Texan. We need to identify Easter weekend. Potential dates are April 9 – 11 or April 22-25. The group then explored potential speakers; we have not had someone representing children's writing in a while. The group decided to host the event at Paisano again.

Edy's book signing will be at 7:00 in the Front Street Books Annex this Friday.

Elaine went to a weeklong workshop July 27-31 hosted by the Writer's League of TX. She expressed her appreciation for the Trail Writers' scholarship. There were 4 very different intense workshops: Narrative voice began Sunday before others started on Monday. They were to do a complete short story, the opening chapter of a book. Some examples were The Kite Runner by Khalid Hosseini or Prodigal Summer, Barbara Kingsolver. Elaine distributed editing tips from the workshop.

Refreshments by Sharon Oates.

Attending: Donna Greene, Reba and David Seals, Phyllis Musgrove, Elanor, Edy Elfring, Darrel White, Bob Mills, Daileen, Sharon Oates, Molly Sechrest,

Writing Assignment was to write about encounters with ghosts which led to an interesting discussion of local ghosts.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Janith Stephenson