

4/10/2019 MARCO ISLAND WRITERS' MEETING MINUTES

- Meeting was called to order promptly at 6:00 P.M. by our Pres. Joanne Tailele.
- Treasurer's Report: No report.
- We all created a birthday card for Bob Blair who is 93!
- Two new-comers, Sci-Fi and Self-examination writers. Welcome to new and regulars with introductions.
- Announcements:
 1. The Authorfest report: The event was a little disappointing but we all were glad we tried and we sold over 55 books between us. Several suggestions were put forward if we decide to do this again, including a more central & pedestrian location, more publicity, and a different date. St. Patrick's day events elsewhere may have been a factor.
 2. The Farmer's Market will end May 1st but there are still a couple of spaces and dates open in April.
 3. The corrections deadline for our Anthology Publication is Monday, the 15th of April. Publication in the fall (Oct). Proceeds go to the Literacy Coalition Naples or a school in India sponsored by Pauline.
 4. The first ever Southwest Florida Writers Conference, April 13, in Port Charlotte is still accepting participants.
 5. The poets' final meeting for the season will be April 2.
 6. The writing critique group is still meeting at the library on Fridays. The library, with help from LEAP, also sponsors a person who can help with computer software education. Call the Marco branch for details.
 7. Upcoming meetings... MAY: Everyone write something ahead of time, 1-2 paragraphs, 250 words max, about a family member. JUNE: We will be announcing a location for our Anniversary dinner-party. The Little Bar in Goodland is being considered or voice your suggestions. JULY: Resources –where to look for help.
- We announced a writing tip to overcome writers block, try writing two different things at once. If blocked on one, work on the other for a while.
- We enjoyed a five minute break and then worked with a new writing game called Hint Fiction wherein a complete story idea is begun with a Title then "hinted at" completely within 25 words or less. Everyone wrote one or two, then read them, as we all verbally spun an imaginary story from what we pictured because of the hint. We were all amazed at the results! These story hints can be used as blurbs, sparks for a more complete story, or just as an exercise for our writing skills. <https://www.robertswartwood.com/blog> is sponsoring a contest and the individual work from today can be submitted by the deadline of April 30. There are cash prizes for the winner.
- The 50/50 was drawn and the winner gracefully returned all to the pot. Attendance was about 30 people.
- Meeting was adjourned close to 8. We will be returning to the small meeting room next month.