

**Minutes of the MMW Annual Meeting**  
**Held Saturday, May 1, 2010**  
**at the 1812 Farm, Bristol, ME**

**BUSINESS MEETING:**

President Carol Jaeger called the meeting to order and welcomed the 21 members and our guest speaker for the morning, Nancy Griffin, author of *Maine 101*. Carol noted that this is the 59th Annual Meeting of our organization, our 60th anniversary being in 2011.

Carol then presented an overview of the past year's programs, which had been quite diverse in topics, well received, and well attended – a good year overall.

Secretary Genie Dailey read the Minutes from last year's Annual Meeting, hitting the highlights concerning outgoing President Janice Lindsay's "term review," the awarding of our college scholarship, membership status, the announcement of our new Web site manager (Cheryl McKeary), and the election of new officers.

Janice Lindsay provided the Treasurer's Report. As of April 30, 2010, the numbers are as follows:

Checking Account:	\$ 7,091.50
KVA Scholarship:	2,180.12
Scholarship Fund:	<u>2,407.73</u>
Total Assets:	\$11,679.35

Carol made the following announcements: (1) The June 5th meeting will be at the Holocaust Museum at the University of Maine/Augusta. (2) The July picnic will again be at Louise King's home in Friendship, either July 10th or 17th (date to be confirmed).

**Old Business:**

1. A Nominating Committee will be needed to draft a slate of new officers to be elected at the 2011 Annual Meeting. Carol urged members to think about serving on the committee and serving as officers. We will need to elect a new President, Secretary, Treasurer, and two (2) Members-at-Large. The Nominating Committee will be named no later than September 2010.

2. Carol noted that a review of the MMW By-Laws needs to take place during the 2010-2011 activity year, and several people will be required for that task as well.

3. [From the floor] It was mentioned that we should vote on whether to keep our dues the same or consider an increase, and it was voted to keep them the same: \$30 for regular membership and \$15 for student membership.

New Business:

Carol introduced the idea of publishing another anthology of our own work to celebrate the 60th anniversary of MMW. With the advent of digital media and digital printing options, it would be much more doable – and less costly – than it was when the 50th anniversary book was done. [Carol had extra copies of the previous book for anyone who wanted them.] Genie spoke about using our own resources – not just writers, but artists, editors, and graphic designers – to put the book together. She has volunteered to coordinate the project, and envisions a substantial, perfect-bound volume of perhaps 200 pages featuring both text and artwork. After brief discussion, the consensus was to go forward with the project.

[Later, several Board members agreed that the next Annual Meeting should once again be held at the 1812 Farm, so the space will be reserved for Saturday, May 7, 2011.]

Around-the-Circle Introductions were made, with plenty of time for each attendee to take more than the usual 15 seconds! Then Carol introduced our guest speaker for the morning.

Guest Speaker Nancy Griffin is the author of *Maine 101*. Nancy spoke informally about her “luck” in being *asked* to write the book, rather than having written something and then having to find a publisher. She’s been a writer for UPI and several Maine periodicals, as well as editor of the “Gulf of Maine Times” on line, so her name is out there as a professional writer about Maine topics. The difficulty in writing *Maine 101* came when she was diagnosed with cancer and had to deal with that at the same time she was researching and writing the book. But thanks to some last-minute help from several MMW members, she made the deadline by e-mailing the manuscript to the publisher. Then it was proofed electronically and printed on a digital press, the whole process taking only about two weeks! In contrast, production of her latest book on Whoopie Pies, which is being published by Down East, has taken a year.

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After lunch and some time for Silent Auction bidding, Carol introduced our afternoon speaker, Carol Brightman, author of several nonfiction books including *Sweet Chaos: The Grateful Dead’s American Adventure*. Carol spoke about and read from her latest manuscript, a historical novel based on the lives of some of her own ancestors. [Two additional guests attended the afternoon session, which was open to the public.]

The raffle ticket was drawn, and the winner of the plant this year was . . . President Carol Jaeger. Silent Auction bids were tallied, raffle monies were counted, and a total of \$568.00 was raised for our scholarship fund.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Genie Dailey, Secretary