

Minutes of the MMW Meeting
Held Saturday, February 5, 2011,
at the Congregational Church, Rockland, Maine

Business Meeting:

President Carol Jaeger welcomed members and guests and provided a brief description of MMW. Other points of interest:

- Mini grants are still available to members for courses, seminars, workshops; \$200 per year is available.
- A 90th birthday card for Bess Urban was circulated so that all could sign it.
- The sudden death of long-time member Marilis Hornidge was noted [though information had circulated among the membership by phone and e-mail at the time of her passing], and to date \$405.00 has been donated to the scholarship fund in her memory.
- Upcoming meetings were announced: March 5th in Damariscotta – Elizabeth Sylvester, life coach; and April 2nd in Rockland, Chelsea Fournier, intellectual property lawyer.

Around-the-Circle Introductions were made, and Nancy Wilson read her memorial poem for Marilis. [It will be used as part of the Dedication in our anthology.]

Program: Member Showcase

Our first speaker was novelist Susan Vaughan, who read the Prologue and Chapter 1 of her forthcoming book *On Deadly Ground*, which she described as a kind of tribute to the movie *Romancing the Stone*. This new book will be the first in a trilogy featuring the same characters, and book two is already written. *On Deadly Ground* is currently with an agent in search of a publisher – who, it is hoped, will sign on for all three books.

The second speaker was Candy Congdon, who writes a regular column for the *Lincoln County News*. She read several of her “happy pet tale” columns, which featured (among others) a lost cat named Smitten, a dwarf rabbit named Goldilocks, and several dogs. A unifying theme was the way the community came together to assist animals in trouble and their worried owners.

Third, Janice Lindsay read from her new “Milly” novel for youngsters, *The Jumbled-Up Summer of the Down-Cellar Times*. (Milly is an 11-year-old who lives with her uncle at his funeral home and gets into any number of interesting and comical “situations.”) *The Jumbled-Up Summer* is also with an agent.

Finally, Carol Jaeger read three chapters from her memoir-in-progress, *Growing Up in Hope* – “Joe Bunkahs” (a food!), “Coffee Jell-O,” and “My First Ghost.” Carol noted that when she’s talked with her siblings about some of the things that happened when they were kids, their recollections were often quite different from hers. Interesting, how our perceptions and memories can vary from those of our brothers and sisters. . . .

Treasurer’s Report as of February 4, 2011:

Checking account:	\$ 7,619.19
KVA Scholarship:	\$ 1,907.73
MMW Scholarship:	<u>\$ 2,180.12</u>
TOTAL:	\$11,707.04

Respectfully submitted,
Genie Dailey
Secretary

NOTE: At a Board meeting following the regular meeting, it was decided that the first printing of our anniversary book will be 250 copies, and the book will have approximately 20 pages of full color photos and artwork.