

Minutes of the MMW Meeting

Held Saturday, September 12, 2009

at Mobius, Damariscotta, Maine

Business Meeting:

President Carol Jaeger welcomed members and guests and provided a brief description of MMW. Carol stated that Chilloa Young, our scheduled speaker for October 3rd, had to cancel and a substitute is being sought. Stand by for more information.

Later, Carol reported that \$15.00 had been raised for our scholarship fund through sales of member-donated books. Thank you!

Old Business: As a follow-up to our June meeting at Maine Media Workshops, and its involvement with the Karen Van Allsberg Scholarship, our Board will meet briefly after today's program to discuss the scholarship further. (The Workshop made \$1,000 during the KVA exhibit, and has retained that money for the scholarship.) The possibility of establishing an endowment fund for the scholarship – which would require raising \$20,000 – will also be discussed.

Around-the-Circle introductions were made. There were 14 members and 6 guests in attendance.

Laura Cooley introduced the guest speaker: **Julia Lane, songwriter/performer, half of the Celtic duo Castlebay.** Julia spoke about her love of music, her sources of songwriting inspiration, and several special projects Castlebay is involved in. Highlights of her lively and informative comments included these:

- Write so that the words (and music) will live beyond our lifetime.
- Stories/folklore travel and change with music over time.
- In the ballad form [somewhat analogous to poetry], evoke emotions for the audience without telling them how to feel.
- When writing lyrics, they should be congruent with the music's tempo, key, and dynamics.

Julia punctuated her remarks with examples of both traditional and original songs, accompanying herself on the Celtic harp her husband had made. All in all, a most interesting and entertaining program.

Respectfully Submitted,
Genie Dailey, Secretary