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Let this be written for a future
generation, that a people not yet
created may praise the Lord.

Psalm 102:18

Minutes of meeting June 18/90.

Place - home of Helmut Fandrick

Pot-luck supper outdoors in back-yard.

Attendance - 20-30 members & some spouses.

Speaker - Helmut re trip to Russia

He told of their experiences in visiting churches, church services, Bible distribution, people they met & stayed with. Also told of general conditions, food in homes and lack of food in stores, road condition. Photo albums of trip were passed around.

Executive meeting

Sept. 25, 1990.

Those present: Helmut Fandrich, Ingrid Shelton, Gloria Guenther & Marlene Vigh at Fandrich home.

Decisions were made re placing of executive in specific positions.

Chairman - Helmut - till Christmas

Secretary - Marlene - with substitute when not able to attend meetings

Treasurer - June Temple

Devotionals/prayer - Gloria Guenther

Food/party - Margaret Joews

Phone - Ingrid (should have 5 people).

Publicity - Cal Wickham - advertising on cable posters, etc. for Nov. mtg.

Future meetings:

October - special guest - Helen Leischied

November - Molly Glass - from Kelowna at lawn bowling club.

Christmas party

date - Dec. 17

where - arts council room?

- lawn bowling club? thru recreation commission

- will decide after Nov. meeting

type - potluck or restaurant?

- to take vote at next meeting & discuss

- if restaurant - phone early for reservation

time ?

speakers - possibilities

① Ted Bifield - New B.C. Report - Ingrid to phone him

② April Yamasaki - writer - in residence at C.B.C.
books - "Where two or three are gathered"
"Remember Lot's Wife"

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- Levi Kidel could be contact person
- (3) Debra Figeith - from Christian Info paper.
 - (4) Simon Gibson - local alderman.

Meeting was closed, followed by refreshments.

Edith Smith, Martha Martin, Mary Ann Smith, Margaret
Jane Duggan, Madeline Koff, Norma Bahl, Ann Koff, Joy
Shelton, Mary Meyer, Helen Leach, Gloria Smith,
Della Robinson. Total 16.

1. Minutes of Sept. 17, 1980 were read by Edith
Dappra followed for Helen who has faithfully
taken minutes for some time.

2. Treasurer report was given by Jane Temple.
① Club has balance of \$72.68
② \$20.00 has been paid for membership in
Abbotsford Matinee Arts Council by Ed Smith

3. Next meeting will be Nov. 12, 1980 at dawn Bowling
① special speaker - Molly Brown from Kelowna
(providing Canada Council grant comes through)

4. Discussions followed re Christmas social.
① Date Dec. 17/80 (Mon)
② Margaret Jones to phone various restaurants
for info on group rates for 25-30 people
③ Time: 6:30 p.m.
④ Spousing was welcome
⑤ Limit - \$7.00 per person

5. Devotional by Edith Smith
She gave a testimony of all the things she
thanked for over last 20th birthday & youth
life for the Lord who was her teacher, guide,

Minutes of Christian Writers Club - Oct. 15, 1990

Place - at home of Margaret Jowes at 7:00
34639 Immel St.

Those in attendance: Helmut Fandrich, Rhody Lake, Hilda
Edith Devitt, Martha Martens, Myrtle Everett, Margaret
June Temple, Maureen Vigh, Norma Bulat, Ken Vogt, Ina
Shelton, Mary Mayer, Helen Leischied, Gloria Guenther
Jillie Robinson. Total 16.

1. Minutes of last meeting Sept. 17, 1990 were read by Hilda
① applause followed for Hilda who has faithfully
taken minutes for some time.
2. Treasurer report was given by June Temple.
① club has balance of \$72.63.
② \$20.00 has been paid for memberships in
Abbotsford - Matsqui Arts Council by Cal Wiebke
3. Next meeting will be Nov. 19, 1990 at Lawn Bowling C.
① special speaker - Molly Glass from Kelowna
(providing Canada Council grant comes through).
4. Discussion followed re Christmas social
① date Dec. 17/90 (mon).
② Margaret Jowes to phone various restaurants
for info on group rates for 25-30 people
③ time - 6:30 p.m.
④ spouses are welcome
⑤ limit - \$9.00 per person.
5. Devotional by Edith Devitt
She gave a testimony of all the things she is
thankful for. Her list included physical & spiritual
life, for the Lord who was her teacher, guide,

strength, help, refuge, peace of mind midst danger, comfort, and Saviour.

6. Prayer requests led by Gloria Luenther

① requests included:

comfort for Hilda's sister Mary
for Ken Vogt dealing with
Martha Martens - who has a brother dying
June Temple - her husband has back pain
Rhody Lake - son is retreating & lonely
Tillie Robinson - straying son with back problem
Margaret Joens - shared a poem from a
friend who has Lupis & has great pain

② Helen Leischied gave thanks for prayers
for travelling safety & for her husband
Bill who is now at home after 4 years
in the hospital.

7. Ingrid - reports on

① conference in Vancouver for children's writers
cost \$40.00

② conference in Seattle Nov. 10/90
- for children's writers & illustrators
- \$5.00 for non-members
- 3.00 " members of W.I.N.

③ has letter from agent looking for authors

④ we have joined local Arts Council and can
have publicity re our group in Council paper
which comes out 4 times per year.

- Council would also appreciate help from club

8. June Temple had letter from librarian in
Kamloops who wants names of books
written in Canada.

9. Questions were asked:

- ① Margaret Joew - what is a fair price to ask for reprint privileges?
- ② Edith Devitt - how to submit pictures with a manuscript?

10. Special speaker - Helen Leischied

She gave a summary of a one week seminar on creative writing with Guideposts magazine in New York. Held three weeks ago.

Helen passed around sample copies and guidelines. She also passed on suggestions as to what Guideposts editors want and do not want in submissions.

Stories submitted should be ordinary, true and in the first person. They need to have a "take away", two or three characters who enter early in the story and create conflict. And there has to be a resolution or permission to hope for a promise.

11. Helmut closed in prayer.

12. Margaret Joew served refreshments.

Marlene High.

Minutes of meeting held Nov. 19, 1990 at Lawn Bowling Club building, Abbotsford.

Those in attendance were: Helmut F., Ingrid S., Gloria Marlene V., Cal W., Anne M., Jillie R., Meriam D., Sandra H., Helen L., Martha M., Mary M., Myrtle Hilda B., Helen H., June J., Prisma S., Norma B., Violet ? and several visitors for a total of 24.

1. Opening remarks and welcome - Helmut
- Christmas party at Savoury Restaurant Dec. 17 at 6:30.
\$6.75 per person.
2. Devotional - Jillie Robinson
She related an experience as a missionary in Africa with a leopard outside her window.
3. Minutes of previous meeting read.
4. Treasurer report - nil
5. Thanks to Cal for placing ads in newspaper and Channel 3 re our club.
6. Reports from members
Cal: Marlene Tucker in charge of Arts Council. 150-word articles can be submitted for newsletter. Deadline is Jan. 1, 1991.
7. Special guest speaker - Molly Glass from Kelowna.
She related some of her experiences in getting published. She read excerpts from "Call of the Isles", "My heart in the Highlands", and "Fires in the Glen".

Molly passed on her own list of 8 steps in writing a novel.

1. First draft is handwritten in a notebook.
2. Then put in word processor
3. Print out
4. Red pencil proof-reading
5. Edit on screen
6. Next print out - "keeper" copy.
7. Edit again
8. Manuscript is sent out

She suggests to allow 1 hour out of every 8 for marketing and send out 6 letters of enquiry on book proposals.

Molly referred to Habakkuk 2:2, Rev. 1:19, Psalm 103 and Hebrews 11:1

Question and answer period followed.

E. Refreshments were served.

Marlene Vigh

Dec.

The annual Christmas party was held at the
Welcome Inn (Davy Crockett) on Monday Decem
17, 1990.

Approx. 40 people attended.

The evening started with carol singing, follow
ed by special music on piano and violin.

Dinner was buffet style.

Special guest speaker was Ted Byfield, editor
of B.C. Reports magazine. His topic was "Media
Antipathy to Christianity." His talk gave reasons
for the media being what they are today. He
concluded with the challenge that Christians can
make a difference in this world."

More special music followed. Refreshments
were served during a socializing time.

See "program" for further details.

-marlene high

FRASER VALLEY CHRISTIAN WRITERS GROUP
Leadership 1990/91

Group Co-ordinator: Ingrid Shelton 859-7530
Chairman: Helmut Fandrich 850-0133
Secretary: Marlene Vigh 856-8503
Treasurer: June Temple 852-0507
Social Co-ordinator: Margaret Toews 852-8268
Devotionals: Gloria Guenther 534-0480
Publicity: Cal Wickham 853-9988

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Meetings on the third Monday of each month at 7:00pm
Jan 21/91: Hilda Born, 5069 Gladwin Rd 853-5196
Feb 18/91: June Temple, C325 -1909 Salton Rd 852 0507
Mar 18/91: Norma Bulat, 1911 Eagle 852 9250
Apr 15/91: Helen Lescheid, 703 Clearbrook Rd 852 3148
May 20/91 Cal Wickham, #25- 3087 Immel Rd 853 9988
June Social: Possibly Kariton House (Arts Council)

"LET THIS BE WRITTEN
FOR A FUTURE GENERATION,
THAT A PEOPLE NOT YET
CREATED MAY PRAISE
THE LORD."

PSALM 102:18

Celebrate
the joy
that is
Christmas!

FRASER VALLEY CHRISTIAN WRITERS GROUP
Davy Crockett Restaurant, Abbotsford
Monday December 17, 1990

OLD FASHIONED CAROL SINGING

...around the piano with June Temple

Master of Ceremonies...Helmuth Fandrich

VIOLIN SOLO: "Concertino" by Ferdinand Kucher

...Rena Fandrich accompanied by Heidi Fandrich

POEM: "The Bethlehem Road" by Margaret Toews

PIANO SOLO: "Reverie" by Claude Debussy...Heidi Fandrich

REMINISCENCES: "My most unique Christmas experience"

...Gloria Guenther

SOLO: "The Birthday of a King" by Niedlinger...June Temple

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:

...Rev. Bert Warden

CHRISTMAS BUFFET DINNER

...prepared by Chef Jack Nieman & staff

AFTER DINNER MUSIC

...June Temple

SPECIAL GUEST: Ted Byfield, Editor of B.C. REPORTS

"Media's Antipathy to Christianity"

A RESPONSE:

... Gloria Guenther

WISEMEN FROM THE EAST: Slides of Russia...Helmuth Fandrich

SOLO: "Ring the Bells," by Harry Bollback ...June Temple

FELLOWSHIP OVER COFFEE and DESSERT and SWEETS.

More REMINISCENCES of CHRISTMASSES PAST

Pick up a 'Ancient Wisdom' cookie baked by Ingrid Shelton
and win a door prize if your wise saying is:

Ideas are funny little things; they won't work unless you do.

People are lonely because they build walls instead of bridges.

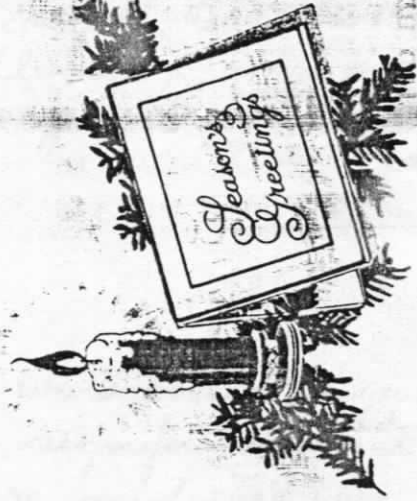
Our special guest today is storming the magazine industry as publisher and editor of the B.C. Report news-magazine. In its first year of circulation, the news-magazine obtained over 16,000 paid subscribers. And that, in the B.C. magazine industry, is a storm. Like they say about tornadoes, when the conditions are right, watch out!

Ted Byfield started his newspaper career as a copy boy for the **Washington Post**. Later when many of you, like Marlene, were still just a gleam in your father's eye, Ted Byfield was already editor of the **Timmons Daily Press** and the **Sudbury Star**. In 1952, Ted tells me, he went to Winnipeg. There he won the 1957 National Newspaper award for political reporting. A while after he left Ontario, the NDP won so I sure hope he doesn't leave British Columbia.

Later when he saw the tunnel at the end of the light, he helped form St. John's Boys School in Manitoba, became a teacher there, helped form St. John's School in Alberta, established a weekly **St. John's Edmonton Report** magazine there, helped form St. John's school in Ontario, established a..... You know how it goes when a genius discovers a cookie cutter.

The **Edmonton Report** grew up, as good magazines do, and in 1979 merged with the **Calgary Report** to form the **Alberta Report**. This magazine found good soil and sprouted the **Western Report** four years ago and the **B.C. Report** last year. Now during any sunny week, 375,000 Canadians read these three newsmagazines.

Today we are privileged to have Ted Byfield put a handle on something we writers have sensed for quite a while: the media's antipathy to Christianity.



Minutes of meeting held January 21, 1991.

Place - Hilder Boin's.

Those present: Helmut F., Ingrid S., Betty + A. J. Klassen, Edith D., Meriam D., Prisma, Norma Wendy Davidson (new) Elsie Neufeld, Sandra H., Shirley + Dennis J., Joy N., Eleanor K., Maileene L., Randy G., Cal + Alice G., Margaret J.,
Total - 22.

1. Opening remarks - Helmut
2. Introductions - each person was asked to give name & say briefly re some significant event over Christmas or something re mid-east war.
 - Elsie Neufeld shared re her book "Dancing in the dark" being published recently.
(re a grieving sister).
3. Minutes were read of meetings Nov. 19/90 and Christmas party Dec. 17/90.
4. Seminars report - Ingrid
 - has info re seminar at Moody.
 - there is a seminar on newsletter writing every Jan.
 - Cal Wickham had article in recent copy of Clearbrook Times re Cal Chambers
 - writings of club members are in a scrapbook which can be taken home for reading
5. Helmut showed slides of trips in 1990 to Russia and Jamaica

6. Devotional - Margaret Joews
 - shared poem "The Broken" - written by herself.
 - prayer time followed - concentrating on the war.
7. Next meeting at June Temple's - Feb. 18/91.
 Next critique meeting at Ingrid S - Jan. 28/91.
8. Refreshments and socializing followed.

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Minutes of the meeting held February 18, 1997.

Hostess was June Temple.

Those present: Helmut F., Ingrid S., Gloria L., Prism
Marlene V., Eleanor K., Norma B., June J., Mary
Cal W., Cal C., Ray C., Miriam D., Sally J., Bert
New people - Selma Hooze + Annette Brunskill.
Total - 18

1. Opening - Helmut
 - everyone gave names and something to be thankful
 - Selma Hooze had book published "More Than a Name"
2. Minutes were read.
3. Devotional/prayer time
 - Bert Warden gave devotional he had written called "A day of small things" Zacharia 4.10.
 - Gloria led in prayer time; several prayed for specific requests
4. Next meeting - possible speaker - Elsie Neufeld.
 - Ingrid to contact her.
5. Conference and courses report - Ingrid
 - conference at Mt. Hermon in week before Easter
 - copies of 'Personally Yours' tabloid passed around
 - writer's courses at Fraser Valley College + Vancouver College ('after 5').
6. Introduction of guest speaker by June Temple.
7. Guest speaker - Judy Slotemaker
 - a director of ^{Co-operative} ~~Publication~~ Authors Marketing Service C.A.M.S.

Judy talked about this corporation working to promote authors & their books.

- She brought books for sale at this meeting.
- Provided members with a Cams catalogue and workshop material.
- Cams is a business venture of five women who want it all done for God's honor (requested prayer)

8. Next critique meeting - Mon. March 4/91.
Next meeting March 19/91 at Norma Bullitt's

9. Close in prayer

10. Refreshments & socializing followed.

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Minutes of meeting held March 18, 1991.

Hostess was Norma Bulat

People in attendance - 23

New people - Helen Dirksen, Ina Friesen, Sandi Sjoensen.

Opening remarks - Helmut Sandrich

- everyone asked to give names & tell what they get out of meetings or what they hope to get.

Minutes were read.

Treasurer report - June Temple
\$72.13 in fund.

Presentation made to Hilda Born by Helmut

- copies of club meeting minutes in book form published by Helmut.

Prayer request time led by Gloria Shunther

Hilda - son Brian & Theresa Born of N. Peace church youth group going to Haiti.

Roy - friend James in prison

Cal - re possible weekly column in Mission weekly paper
- manuscript going to Credo publisher by June 1.

June - waiting for word on 3 books at different publishers

Book "Writer to writer" given to Gloria for critique.

Guests gave presentations on publications

Selma Hooge - "More than a number book" (children with illustrations by Helen Dirksen

- many aspects of their book were examples

of how not to publish a book.

- printing by Fraser Valley Printers, C. Hilliwach
- bound in Vancouver

Sandi Syversen presented Buntsey Bunny + Friends for kindergarten, & grades 1 and 2.

and Mike's Monkey Business for grades 4-6.

- she was her own publisher, printing by Clearbrook Printing (now out of business); binding by Northwest Book Binder in Surrey.

- her biggest job was marketing

- ordered 1000 books @ \$10.00 retail (cost 50%+).

Meriam Dunn presented book "Kim & Ling" - a novel for children, published by Overseas Mission Fellowship who also received proceeds.

- published in Singapore

- later translated into Chinese

She also has a painting book for children called 'Let's look at Malaysia'; illustrated by a friend with script by Meriam.

Ina Friesen is a newcomer to writing and has a column in our local newspapers once a month.

- column called "Tips for all occasions"

Annette Brumshill presented illustrated cards & mounted drawings. Cards were originally made for her husband to sell.

Selma Hooze asked for a volunteer to write newsletters for volunteers of M.C.C. stores.

Ingrid - information on workshops

presented by WIN - Writer's Information Network

Apr. 13 - "Thinking like an editor"

Sat. 10-2 \$3.00 for members

\$6.00 for non-members

May 11 - fiction writing
June 8 - book proposals (very important).
- phone Ingrid if interested
Seminar in New Westminster - April 23 - basic writing

Next critique meeting March 25, 7:00 p.m.
at Ingrid's.

Next regular meeting April 15, 7:00 p.m.
at Helen Leischied's; guest - Elsie Neufeld.

Closing prayer - Helmut

Refreshments & socializing followed.

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Minutes of meeting held April 15, 1991.

Hostess was Helen Leischel

People in attendance - 23

Levi K., Cal W., Norma B., Ray K., Miriam D., Edith D.,
Jilly R., Marlene V., Ingrid S., Sandra H., Prisma S., Helmut
Herta J., Hilda B., Gloria L., Elsie N., Sally H., Mary
Annette B., Margaret J., Helen L., New-April Yamissaki
Susan Loewen.

1. Open remarks - Helmut.
- introductions - everyone gave names and a few words
re ancestry.
2. Minutes of last meeting were read.
3. Book critique by Gloria L.
"Writer to writer" is a book mainly for feature article
writing. It's a good practical guide; a 7 out of 10.
4. Report on Seattle workshops - Gloria and Ingrid
Workshops - re how to edit, what does editor look for
- goals/purpose of book
- how does it hang together
- does ending summarize
5. Coming workshop/seminar report - Ingrid
May 11 - Seattle - writing fiction
June 8 - " - book proposals
April 27 - New West - Stanley Baldwin

6. Presentation and handout - Ray K.
 - working with handicapped illiterate
7. Prayer request time led by Gloria
 - Jilly - re new convert
 - Rev. Downey - cancer
 - Cal Chambers - Bible study - natives
 - Ray K. - needs computer
 - Helen L. - to New York April 18 to Gaudioposts works
 - Kunds refugees - resolution of situation
8. Question time for writers problems
 - Cal W. - how to resolve contradictions as heard in writers workshops & lectures.
 - Helmut suggested everyone buy and read book "The Elements of Style" and ^{give} report at next meeting.
9. Guest speaker - Elsie Neufeld - author of "Dancing in the Dark" which is her story of her journey through grief, in the loss of a brother. The book was written in three months. Help and encouragement came from Murray Phillips; published by Herald Press. The book has become a voice for others also grieving.
10. Request by Ingrid for phoning volunteer. Margaret J. responded.
11. Hilda B. reported that Mennonitische Rundschau is looking for submissions and ^{they} will translate into German.
12. Helmut closed in prayer.
13. Refreshments and socializing followed. Marlene Vigh.

Minutes of the meeting held May 20, 1991.

Host for evening was Cal Wickham

16 people were in attendance.

Those present were: Sally L., Norma B., Brian S., Helen L., Ina F., Mary M., Hilda B., June Tilly R., Susan L., Ray K., Cal W., Helmut & Gerta Ingrid S., Marlene V.,

1. Opening of meeting with introductions all around and each telling of some problem.
2. Minutes of last meeting were read.
3. Treasurer reported \$88.74 in bank account.
4. Discussion followed re June meeting.
It was decided to meet on 24th for pot-luck supper at Kariton House on Wave Rd.
Everyone to bring a poem or short article for reading.
Elections to be held.
5. Devotional by Cal Wickham
He read scriptures of John 8: 6-8, Daniel 25: 24-27 and Exodus 31: 18
 - all have to do with writing
 - writers need to:
 - be careful re what they write
 - to make a point
 - to bring glory to God
 - to influence for good
 - to keep writing in perspective
 - writing is often found wanting, and

impacts self-ego.

6. Report from Ray Kollin re "An Encouraging Word"
 - he is working to form executive & to incorporate
 - requests readers
 - gave handout with a survey.
7. Seminar reports on sessions at New Westminster & Seattle
 - Prisma - Seven deadly sins
 - Marlene - Disc keys to more powerful writing
 - Jane - Query letters & self publishing
 - Norma - Book proposals
 - Mary - Writing leads
8. Book report - Hilda Born.
 - She enjoyed "Writer to Writer" & gave it 8½/10.
9. Guest speaker - Helen Leschied who attended another Guideposts seminar in New York recently
 - ✓ She talked of the Five-Point formula for writing as given by Elizabeth Sherrill. This formula is:
 - hey - you - what - so? huh!
 - hey is the hook, the attention getter
 - makes a contract with the reader
 - you is who author is writing for
 - what is actual story
 - so? or who cares? should have "take home" quality
 - huh! is a chuckle or insight; a neat ending.
10. Report on future conferences - Ingrid Shelton
 - W.I.N. conf. in Seattle in June - fiction writing
 - also at Biola, Moody to Publish,
 - Nazarene Lamplights, Pacific N.W.

It was agreed that the secretary would send information re our group to Audrey Dorsch's newsletter and get a group subscription.

Ingrid passed around a greeting card for signatures which will be sent to Rev. M. Downey who has cancer.

11. Ina Friesen asked if club members think her column should appear more often in newspapers then write letters to it's office.

12. Helmut closed with prayer.

13. Refreshments and socializing followed.

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NOTES

Food types for supper were according to 4 divisions of members but for sharing purposes
group 1 - casseroles
" 2 - 1/2 casseroles + 1/2 turkey salad
" 3 - salads
" 4 - dessert

Minutes of meeting held June 24, 1991.

A pot-luck supper started the evening in the Arts Council building on Ware Road.

26 people in attendance.

This was followed by everyone in turn giving their names and reading an item of their own writing. A card of thanks from Murray Downey was also read. This in response to a get-well card sent him earlier.

Business session followed.

New business - the club could have Arts Council building for meetings the 3rd Wednesday of every month.

Vote was taken - answer - no.

Volunteers are required for positions on executive.
No response.

Prayer request given for Prisma re health problem.

Next meeting - Sept. 16, 1991 at Ingrid Sheltons.

Closing prayer - Helmut.

NOTES

Food types for supper were according to 4 divisions of member list for phoning purposes.

group 1 - casseroles

" 2 - $\frac{1}{2}$ casseroles + $\frac{1}{2}$ to bring salads

" 3 - salads

" 4 - dessert

Executive meeting

Sept. 9, 1991.

Held at home of Helmut Jendrich.

In attendance: Helmut, Ingrid Shelton, Marlene Vigh, June Temple, Gloria Guenther + Ina Frisen.

1. The executive will basically stay as is &
chairman - Helmut
secretary - Marlene
treasurer - June
social convener - Margaret Jones
 - helper - Ina Frisen
devotional leader - Gloria
? publicity - Col Wickham
2. Membership of club in Arts Council was discussed
 - will be further discussed at monthly meeting - Sept.
3. Christmas party -
 Gloria to enquire re facilities at Camp McLean Park
 Langley.
4. Meeting of Sept. 15 at Ingrid's.
 - sheet to be passed around for sign-ups of
 hosts/hostess for future meetings.
5. Discussion re format of club meetings
 - general format and time 7-9 pm. okay.
 + allow time for question & answer period
6. Future speaker ideas
 - April Yamasaki
 - Jeanette Oke
 - Maxine Hancock
 - Xmas party - Edric Holmes - Langley

7. Re membership dues

- raise to \$10.00 per year
- collect in Nov. & March.

Minutes of meeting held September 16, 1991.

Hostess - Ingrid Shelton

15 people in attendance.

Those present: Ingrid & Phil Shelton, Gloria G., Ina S.,
Marlene V., Ray K., Susan Loewen, Eleanore K., Cal W.,
Rhody L., Dean Downey, Mary M., New people:
Nettie Wiens and Al Unrau and Karen Karry.

1. Meeting was chaired by Ingrid.

Introduction of guest speaker - Gloria

Speaker ^(Dr.) Dean Downey

He co-authored with Barbara Pell the Canadian version of "The Little Brown Handbook", a book on English usage.

It's a reference textbook geared for writers and university students. Published by Gage.

The authors Canadianized the American version by replacing U.S. historical facts and place names with appropriate ones from Canada. Some spelling of words was changed according to British standards.

Cost to authors was \$600-700.00 & they receive 3% royalties on list price. 4,000 copies were printed (speaker left for another commitment).

2. Introductions followed

- each person stating area of writing interest

3. Discussion followed re Arts Council walk - Sept. 22/9

- a table is available for club to display books written by club members.

4. Membership dues will increase to \$10.00

- will be collected in November.

5. Next meeting Oct. 21 at Ingrid's
Speaker - Gloria on her latest book.
- volunteers are needed to host meetings
6. Christmas party
Place - Campbell River Park - 16th Ave. Langley.
7. Critique meeting at Ingrid's - Mon. Sept. 23
8. A writer's seminar at Seattle with Writer's Networks
date Saturday Sept. 21.
9. Devotional - Gloria
 - Scripture reference Jeremiah 1:5-9
 - theme - we writers are modern day prophets
 - prayer requests
 - Karen - re surgery in Oct.
 - Ray - research into illiteracy
 - Coat - sister waiting for liver transplant in England
 - Norma - in Ont; for a Christian contact
 - Prisma - Parkinson's disease
10. Question & answer period
11. Coffee and refreshments with socializing
closed the evening.

—md.

Fraser Valley Christian Writers Meeting

- Date: October 21, 1991

Location: Ingrid Shelton's home, Geneva Court, Cloverdale

Members Present: 18

Next meeting: November 18 at Eleanor Klassen's place at 32741 Nicola Close.

1. December 16th Christmas social at 5:30 p.m. Gloria Gunther led a discussion of desk activities and participants. A white elephant gift exchange of \$3.00 per gift per person. These can be exchanged up to three times. Possibly, Dr. Downey with his violin will be there. Also carols, skits, etc. Debba Figue has been asked to speak. She was formerly with Christian Info. magazine. More information will be available at the next meeting.
2. Helmut Fandrich was in the chair. He spoke about how to self-publish or desktop publishing. Leave space for pictures. Put pictures after your typing. Print with a master at home and then get it commercially reproduced on glossy or matte paper.
3. Further suggestions followed. Xerox color copiers only produce one side. Letter-aet puts a title on the cover. Valley Instant Press and Albotsford Printers do this kind of work locally. Select Office Supplies has a good machine. They're on Bowiquin, north of McDonald's. Laser Reproductions in Seven Oaks mall is helpful.

Oct. 21 Christian Writers continued.

- and inexpensive.

4. Devotional by Jusan Roewen. She shared some thoughts and her poem, "A Fleet of Ships". Some urgent prayer requests followed, including wisdom, discipline and discernment in writing. Meaningful prayer followed.

5. Each member introduced herself, if married, she also gave the number of years of matrimony.

6. April Yamasaki shared her writing journey. I. She is writer-in-residence at Columbia Bible College in Clearbrook.

When she was in Grade 3 she was asked what she'd be when she grew up. Her response: a piece of herself at the typewriter. Her family prize education, they subscribed to 2 daily newspapers. She was educated as a social worker. This was followed by a general B.A. and internship at a magazine. Here she rediscovered writing.

II. After Regent College graduation she wrote a book instead of a thesis. It is a devotional meant to be shared. It has responsive readings from the Book of Matthew. Herald Press encouraged completion and later rejected it. Publisher never finally accepted it after the boomerangs of rejection. By this time she no longer liked her own writing of it. However, it represents the author as given to "Where Two Are Gathered" 118 pages was published Brethren Press.

III. After publication she finished her Masters degree. She wrote for "Rejoice" devotional series and moved to

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Virginia Theological Seminary with her husband. There she shared a series of Bible studies on the influence of many unnamed people of the Bible. She collected these for a book. This time, her second book response was much faster from the same publishing house. But there was a new editor at Brethren Publishers. They took complete responsibility for cover, illustrations, publicity, etc. They published about 300 to cover cost. This second book, "Remember Lot's Wife - And Other Unnamed Women of the Bible" has 112 pages. Faith Quest - a Division of Brethren Press, 1451 Dundee Avenue, Elgin, Illinois 60120, U.S.A. is the publisher.

She is presently teaching at C.B.C. and preparing a book on other unnamed people of the Bible. She answered questions and explained the publisher's policies.

7. Closing prayer by Helmut Fandrich was followed by an animated discussion around a most attractive and delicious tea table prepared by the hostess, Ingrid Shelton.

Hilda J. Born
(substituting for Marlene Vigh)

Minutes of meeting held Mon. Nov. 18, 1991.

Attendance - 16.

Hostess - Eleanore Klassen.

1. Opening of meeting - Helmut F.

A reminder that membership is now \$10.00.

2. Minutes of last meeting were read.

3. Treasurer's report - \$101.50.

4. Christmas party up-date - Gloria H.

To be held Dec. 16 at 5:30 with a pot-luck.

Maps to McLean parks were distributed.

Cards were sent around for members Norma Bull
& Susan Loewen.

5. Introductions were made with a few words on Christmas letter writing.

6. Devotional by June Temple

She introduced us to Dr. Luke in 64 A.D. at the University of Rome. She gave some unique & interesting points re Luke and his book by the same name.

Prayer requests:

Prisma & Parkinson's disease

Karen Karry - 2 lumps & \$ needs

Annette - son & surgery for lump
(he's not a Christian)

Margaret F. - hurt back

Florence - re writing a book

Piscie - writing thesis

Eleanore - discipling couple

7. Ingrid - update on seminars & workshops

8. Project - Helmut

- everyone write one page (250 wds) and Helmut will publish them in new year.

9. Cal W. mentioned similar paper could be

- published & distributed thru Safeway.
10. Special speaker - Gloria Leenther
with her second book "Cat on the Run"
Published by Windflower Communications
Winnipeg; selling for \$5.95.

Gloria described her latch-key lonely childhood. When she caught on to reading it was like a Helen Keller awakening & opened a whole new world to her.

Her first serious writing attempt was a novel at age 30. But it was rejected. Ten years later she tried again while recuperating from surgery. This time she wrote for kids & the book "A gift of love" was the result.

Her second book is also geared for 9-12 year olds & is geared for secular market while teaching underlying moral values.

11. Helmut closed in prayer.
12. Refreshments & socializing followed.

Marlene Vigh

Note: no minutes were taken of
December Christmas party, Jan. & Feb. meetings.

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30. Mayer, Mary	#207, 2525 Hilltout, Clbk.	850-3050
31. Neufeld, Joy	52-3115 Trafalger St. Abb.	859-0009
32. Robinson, Tilly	3185 Clearbrook Rd. Clbk. V2T 4N8	852-4877
33. Shelton, Ingrid	2082 Geneva Ct. Clbk. V2T 3Z2	859-7530
43. Streifling, Prisma	311 - 33433 Switzer Ave. Abbotsford	850-7300
54. Stringam, Ena		854-29186
35. Temple, June	325-1909 Salton Rd. Abb. V2S 5B6	852-0507
36. Toews, Margaret	34639 Immel Rd. Abb. V2S 4T8	852-8268
37. Un Rau, Rev. Al		826-9665
38. Vigh, Marlene	5863 Beatty Rd. Mt. Lehman VOX 1V0	856-8503
39. Vogt, Kenneth	23-3292 Elmwood Dr. Abb. V2S 6B2	852-1763
40. Warden, Rev. Bert		826-9619
41. Wickham, Cal	#25 - 3087 Immel St. Abb. V2S 6Z6	853-9988
42. Yamasaki, April		859-0439

1991 CHRISTMAS DINNER

FRASER VALLEY CHRISTIAN WRITERS GROUP

McLean Park Camp, Langley

Monday December 16, 1991

Master of Ceremonies: Harvey Guenter

Welcome: Helmut Fandrich

Prayer of Thanksgiving: Grant Robinson

Buffet Dinner prepared by dedicated hands

Acknowledgments and announcements: Gloria Guenter

Violin solo: Dr. Deane Downey "Birthday of the King"
accompanied by Edna Downey

Vocal solo: Karen Crarey, a traditional carol

Poem: Margaret Toews

SPECIAL GUEST: Debbie Fieguth
former editor of *Christian Info* magazine

Debbie Fieguth is considered one of Canada's finest religion journalists. *Christian News* (formerly *Christian Info*) won best regional religion newspaper by the Canadian Church Press thereby recognizing Fieguth's critical roll in making it such.

Violin solo: Dr. Deane Downey, "Oh Holy Night"

Vocal solo: Karen Crarey, "Have a Super Christmas"

Opening of White Elephant gifts

Carol singing lead by Karen Crarey.

Video highlights of the evening

Fraser Valley Christian Writers Group

Leadership 1991/1992

Co-ordinator: Ingrid Shelton 859-7530
Chairman: Helmut Fandrich 850-0666
Secretary: Marlene Vigh 856-8503
Treasurer: June Temple 852-0507
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Social Assistant: Ina Friesen 852-5787
Devotionals: Gloria Guenter 534-0480
Publicity: Cal Wickham 853-9988

Meetings held on the third Monday of each month at 7:00 pm

"LET THIS BE WRITTEN
FOR A FUTURE GENERATION,
THAT A PEOPLE NOT YET
CREATED MAY PRAISE
THE LORD."

PSALM 102:18

Minutes of meeting held March 16, 1992.

Hostess was Edith Devitt

Attendance - 18

1. Opening of meeting - Helmut Tandrick
Helmut asked club members to submit writings of general interest and of 2 pages which he will compile into a book on his computer.
2. There were no minutes of previous meeting.
3. Treasurer's report - \$72.80 in account.
4. Volunteers hosts required for May + June meetings.
Kariton House is possible for April.
Cal Wickham to check on this.
5. Everyone in room gave a brief update on current happenings and doings.
Some high-lights were:
June Temple is doing a sequel to "Bush tea" in B.C. She is waiting for about 20 permissions.
Sally Isaak + husband have returned from a "volunteer" trip to Texas.

Ina Friesen has had tract story published called 'Who can comfort a mother's heart'. It has also been published in the Shantymen's paper.

Myrtle Everett is working on a novel based on a true story.

Bert Warden had article published in All (Witness?) + has written letter to editor in "The Times" in answer to letter which was negative to Christianity.

Margaret Joews is writing re a family

situation.

Jake & Hilda Bern had family history books published recently.

Helmut Fandrich is working on family history

6. Devotional - Ina Friesen

She read Luke 12:7 and a true story from Daily Bread

7. Jake & Hilda Bern shared re. their family history books called "To Be Born".

It's comprised of stories and history from Jake's family as told for their own family and relatives. A copy was given to ^{several} archives for future generations. ~~It cost \$60.00 per book; \$2.00 per page for color photos.~~ It was printed locally.

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8. Conferences report - Ingrid Shelton

May 30 - Jeannette Oke at a church library conference in Chilliwack

- registration will be next month

June - conf. in Seattle

July - " " Olympia - \$75.00 per day

Ingrid passed on greetings from Karen Cray.

9. Levi Kidel shared:

He's retiring from teaching at Columbia Bible College and they'll be moving to the U.S.

He has had 5 books published

1st book "Footprints to freedom"

- was a best-seller, published by Moody.

2nd book "Stop treating me like God"

- re missionaries being human

- published by Creation House

3rd book - Black Samson - published by Creation House

Levi noted this publisher difficult in correspondence

4th book - War to be One - published by Zonderwan

Zonderwan's have their own book store

A former C.B.C. student's brother was saved in Kenya after she sent it to him.

5th book - Caught in the Crossfire - published by The Press. This book won Gold Madallion award. The publisher the best for marketing. This same C.B.C. student sent this book to a Muslim in Turkey, who was later converted thru it.

10. Helmut closed in prayer.

Refreshments followed.

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is June 1/92

Minutes of meeting held April 20, 1992.

Hostess was Ingrid Shelton.

Attendance - 15.

1. Opening by Helmut with request for introductions & a few words about our recent writings.
2. Minutes were read of March 16 meeting.
3. Treasurer's report \$102.90.
4. Devotional - Marlene Vigh.
She spoke of reading New Testament by authors rather than by order in Bible. Also read "Prayer for a writer".
5. Next meeting May 18 at Hildea Boin's.
guests - Berl Henne + Bob Parschar.
June guest - Loretta Biggins
6. Ingrid passed on information for writers
 1. Miriam Adenade from Seattle is training people from 3rd world countries to write books for their own country. Christian publishers in those countries will accept manuscripts immediately.
Miriam needs help in:
 - a. prayer partners for individuals for their prayer by phone or in person.
 - b. hospitality for when school not in session.
 - c. editors - to give feed back & practical help with their project.
 2. Writers conference at Prairie Bible Institute July 6-10/92.
 3. Evergreen devotional books is accepting devotionals on Proverbs; deadline is June 1/92.

4. Writers conference in Seattle - June 29-July 1.
5. Church librarians of B.C. workshops with Jeanette
May 30. at Chilliwack Alliance church.
Theme is books & authors, cost 20.00 for 1/2 day. B.
your own lunch.
6. Jim Gogins of M.B. Herald is planning a local
conference for 1993. He's looking for authors for
assignments.
7. The B.C. Lutheran magazine ^{Esprit} is looking for articles
on prayers, dreams & possibilities. Do not refer to
God as He.
8. WIN - Writers Networks all day seminar
with critiquing session - May 9.
9. Light of life magazine is looking for personal
testimonies of 1000 - 1200 words for "This light of
mine" column.

7. Discussion followed re book of writings by club
members. Helmut will compile submissions. A
vote is to be taken ^{at next meeting} as to whether it will be
published for club members only or for sale to
public.
8. Ingrid suggested a delegation asks ministerial
association for donation of a room in a church
for club meetings. Other buildings were also suggested.
She is to report back next month.
9. Two people read items for critiquing.
10. Helmut closed in prayer and refreshments followed.

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Minutes of Pot-luck meeting June 15, 1992.

Pot-luck supper was held at Helmut Zandrich's home and co-hosted with Ina Friesen.

35 people (approx) attended.

Helmut chaired the evening and welcomed everyone.

Ingrid had several announcements.

- ① Poets' pot-pourri festival at Jubilee Park - June 21/92.
- ② Writer's conference at Seattle University with editors in attendance
can go for 1/2 - 3 days
- ③ writers conference at Olympia Wash.
can go for 1-3 days, she has more info.

Cal Chambers passed around info sheets on his new book "Two tracks, one goal" - to be released at the end of Sept./92.

Gloria G. had info available of a friend who edits from Burnaby.

Julie Campbell from Poets' Pot Pourri had ^{her} book "One on a path to unity".

Special guest was Loretta Higgins who was editor/writer of the book "Heart of the Fraser Valley" 1991.

She played her guitar to well known songs enjoyed by all. She answered questions from the floor re the book.

Another feature she does is a 60-90 second story on valley history at 9:25 a.m. & p.m. on CFVR & STAR FM.

Her next book will be re Women of the Fraser Valley. (note: better to do pictures at Abbotsford Printers rather than laser prints at Seven Oaks Mall).

Helmut thanked Loretta for coming and closed the meeting.

Minutes of meeting held Sept. 21, 1992.

Place - Keriton House on Ware Rd. with attendance of 20

1. Helmut opened meeting with prayer.
2. Minutes of June meeting were read.
3. Introductions were made around the circle with brief high-lites of the summer.
4. Membership dues for Arts Council are \$25.00 per year for Writers club dues are \$10.00 per year.
5. Devotional was given by Margaret Jones with a brief history of her writing.
Her first book was published in 1967 - called 'Footprints'
Her second book came out in 1976 'Five loaves & two fishes' and is now in its third printing.
Her third book 'Fly high my kite' was published in 1981
✓ Prayer time for:
Susan's sister-in-law
Jacob - unsuccessful surgery
Hilda's son & family in Botswana
for Christian writers re writing
Jim Coggins re writers conference
6. Hannah passed on info re Andreas Schroeder being in Mission library Sept. 26, 30 + Oct. 7 to help writers with ^{their} problems.
7. Ingrid passed on conference up-dates
Sept. 26 - picture books for children - Longley
(from creation to marketing)
Oct. 17 - WIN workshops - Seattle

12:30-3:30 pm. with speaker, workshop & critiquing
\$3.00 for members, \$6.00 for non-members.

- She has a copy of Canadian Publishing Guide
A critique meeting will be held 1st Mon. of the month
(no poetry); next one Oct. 5 at Ingrid's.

8. Discussion followed re using Kariton house on the fourth Mon. of the month versus using private homes on the 3rd Mon. of the month.

It was passed to use Kariton house on the 4th Mo.

9. A sheet was passed around for volunteers to sign up for refreshments and clean-up.

10. Club members may still submit some of their writing (on disk) at next meeting for club publication.

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Minutes of the meeting held Oct. 26, 1992.

The meeting was held at Keriton House, attendance 2

Chairperson was Hilda Born.

She opened the evening with Prov. 25:11 - a word aptly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver. And Matt. 12:37 - for by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned.

Opening prayer by Jake Born.

1. Minutes were read and passed.
2. Motion by Cal Chambers and seconded by Myrtle Everett - That the executive get someone preferable from the club with editing experience to help Helmut prepare for ^{the} club publication.
3. Motion by Prisma Abaya and seconded by Selma Hooze - that Ingrid Shelton be a featured speaker at one of our meetings to teach an evening on writing.
4. Hilda interviewed Ina Friesen re her writing of the "Out of my files" column in the local newspaper once a month. She has also written tracts for the Evangelical Tract Mission which sends them around the world. Her second tract is especially for prison ministry. She handed out 14,000 - 15,000 tracts at the '92 M.E.C. relief sale. She's been published in the M.B. Herald and Shantyman magazines.
5. Prisma gave a devotional. She passed around copies of her testimony called 'Ready Writer Public' which she read to us all.

6. Around the circle members gave their names with prayer requests, concerns and recent projects re writing.

6. A time of poem reading followed with Susan Loewen + Margaret Joews.

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- Edith D. - pray that her book 'On the edge of the rift' will be a blessing to many.
- Joy - is writing a guide book for Bible studies
- Doreen is working on writing family recipes to share with her daughters-in-law
- Marlene's interest is in family history
- Selma has varied interests
- Cal C. is reworking sermons on John.
- Jake B. writes letters to his missionary children every
- Betty + her husband are working on the book "Churches in the heart of the Fraser Valley". Pray that it will get off the end of the week.
- Carrie W. has published one book and is $\frac{1}{2}$ thru the second, both for children.
- Susan - read a poem she'd written for a wedding
- Mary has seed thots for story on racism
- Margaret - pray for wisdom to work computer
- Helen - mailed off 3 articles this morning and will be interviewing Stephanie Fast for an article.
- Myrtle is publishing a novel through a private publisher in Surrey.
- Annette - would like to write devotionals
- Hilda - is taking a course at U.B.C. Pray that she'll be able to handle the course which has a world

view of Christianity.

- Ina has a tract for prison ministry (m2)
 - Ray is doing interviews re abuse and neglect of people who have learning disabilities. Pray for wisdom.
- Cal, Edith and Hilda led in prayer.

8. Special speaker was Helen Leisheid (a founder of our group)

- what is ^{the story that} writing is figuring out what's on everyone's mind and putting that into words. Be prepared to listen.
- writing is 10% inspiration and 90% perspiration
- She read 1 Pet. 4:10 - Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.

Helen dispelled 4 myths:

- ① everything I write should be published
 - writer must practice like athletes
 - some writing is for personal healing
- ② editors are there to frustrate writers
 - value the editor as a best friend
- ③ once your name is known you can publish anything
 - it's not name that counts, but content
 - name helps as writing may be read sooner by editors
- ④ writers are very gifted people
 - if you have dreams - there will be a price to pay and mountains to conquer.

Helen queries first before writing articles. She 'primes the pump' by writing letters at start of day.

9. Ingrid with market news.

- the bottom line with publishers - can you sell it
- hot items are mystery books as Christians follow the world here too.
- bigger publishers are going secular so try smaller ones.

10. A time of socializing with refreshments followed. A discussion also followed re the club's Christmas party. A vote by those remaining agreed that Ina should pursue with plans for a Chinese buffet for Dec. 14/92 at \$10.00 per person, spouses welcome.

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5. Devotional was by Margaret Jones. The next one of the party. This was followed with prayer by Ina Jones.

6. Helmut announced that the club had been given a receipt for the night volume. Contact them again at 10:30. They are having a pot luck on Dec. 17.

7. Ina gave update on Christmas party: Dec. 14 at Lantry Sp. Restaurant. Tickets are \$2.00 including GST & tip. Also \$1.00 for drinks.

8. Ingrid gave conference and upcoming opportunities update. The new Christian action market quite in out magazines are an easier market than adult books. 3rd Sat. of month is Women's Information Network. Let Ingrid know if you want to go. \$5.00 for membership & magazine.

9. Publications of club members writings will be available at Dec. meeting for \$2.00 each.

Minutes of the meeting held Nov. 23, 1992.

Meeting was held at Kariton House; attendance 19.

1. Chairperson - Helmut with introductory remarks
2. Everyone introduced themselves by telling of one value in society that has changed since our youth.
3. Minutes were read.
4. Treasurer's report - \$129.95
5. Devotional was by Margaret Jews. She read one of her poems. This was followed with prayer by Ina Friesen.
6. Helmut announced that the Poets Pot Pourri group is accepting poems for their next volume. Contact Karen Crevier at 853-79. They are having a pot-luck on Dec. 17.
7. Ina gave update on Christmas party - Dec. 14 at Victory Square Restaurant. Tickets are \$12.00 including GST + tip. Time 6:00.
8. Ingrid gave conference and writing opportunities update:
 - the new Christian writers market guide is out
 - magazines are an easier market than adult books
 - 3rd Sat. of month is Writers Information Network (\$3 + \$6.00)
 - let Ingrid know if you want to go
 - \$15.00 for membership + newspaper.
9. Publications of club members writings will be available at Dec. meeting for \$2.00 each.

10. Special speaker was our own Edith Devitt.

-Her book "On the edge of the rift" just published is a reality after many years. It tells the story of herself and her husband as missionaries to Kenya for 30 years. Their ministry involved teaching, church planting & school supervisors. She said she was a good example of the weak things the Lord uses.

Edith had help from many friends in the various stages of production. 2000 books were printed, prepublsh price \$10.

11. Helmut passed around copies of his family history book called "Glimpses" which he produced with his desk top publishing program.

12. A list was passed around for volunteers to sign up for setting up & cleaning up for meetings. It was suggested that in future we bring our own mugs.

13. The evening closed with refreshments & socializing.

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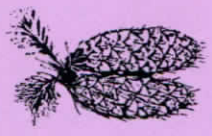
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31. Mayer, Mary		850-3050
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42. Wachsmann, Karrie	3712 Dunsmuir Way, Abb. V2S 6J2	852-3761
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CHRISTMAS DINNER

Monday December 14, 1992
6:00 pm
Victory Square Restaurant
Clearbrook, BC

Getting a politically correct welcome from someone
Thinking the poetic way Margaret Toews does
on a Monday night
Setting poems to Christmas music: Karen Crarey
Thanking God in the Kikuyu language: Edith Devit
Sampling food as they would in China

Introducing Van Nichols as only Ina Friesen can
Listening to stories as they do in Seagull Place
and hear a wolf stalking in the snow
Singing carols as Karen would do in England
Hearing a retired janitor say what's on his mind
Watching TV as they do in the rest of Canada



Van Nichols of Vancouver is
one of Canada's traditional
story tellers.

May the true spirit of
Christmas inspire your
writing the whole year
through.

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Meetings held on the fourth Monday of each month
at 7:00 pm
Kariton House Cultural Centre
2387 Ware, Clearbrook, BC

Let this be written
for a future
generation that a
people not yet
created may praise
the Lord

Psalms 102:18

Minutes of the meeting held Jan. 25, 1993.

- 21 people were in attendance.
1. Chairperson was Helmut who asked each one to tell of their writing goal for '93. He encouraged all to write down the goal & place it where it'll be seen & then follow through.
 2. Minutes were read.
 3. Treasurers report - \$158.62
 4. Devotional was by June Temple
She told a story on the effect of forgiveness & read a poem called 'Colors & Hues' by Prisma.
 5. Bert Warden read an article he wrote that was just published in the Alliance Weekly. It was in memory of Murray Downey who died Oct. 92 at age 82 & who once was a member of our club.
 4. Selma Hooze presented a children's counting picture book just published. She wrote the complete, published by Gage who picked the artist. The book is listed in school catalogues & sells in Canada for \$6.95.
 5. June read two fillers she wrote that have been accepted for publication in Breakthrough magazine.
 6. Ingrid gave info re upcoming conferences.
Nov. 11-13 at C.B.C., Colarbrook
Coordinator Jim Coggins would like input re what writers would benefit from at conference & workshops.
She had a letter from Miriam Adeney who's

Minutes of the meeting held March 21, 1973

associated with Regent College Bookwriting
Scholarships Fund -. They're accepting donations for
students coming to Canada to learn to write & publish
books for their own country.

Conference at Mt. Herman at Easter

Conference - Pacific N.W. secular - end of July

Conference - Seattle Pacific - end of June.

7. Helmut passed out "Notes from Lively Art of Writing"
& discussion followed re improvements on some
articles from "Pieces" - writings of club members.
8. Helmut closed in prayer. Socializing & refreshment
followed with a special cake for Edith Divitt who
just celebrated her 90th birthday.

mw.

No minutes of ^{Feb} ~~March~~ mtg.

mw.

Minutes of the meeting held March 21, 1993.

12 people were in attendance.

The evening opened with a 'silent auction' to raise funds for Priscilla to go to a writers' conference in Mt. Hermon in early April. Proceeds were \$162.00

Minutes of Jan. meeting were read.

Susan Loewen talked re poems she's written & compiled in a book called "Glimpses of our Heavenly Father's care" published and printed by herself.

Ken Vogt presented a book called 'From sharecropper to goodwill ambassador', the Warren Rogers story. Vogt assisted Rogers in the writing. Printed by Beacon Hill Press of Kansas City in 1979. Copies were given to the present.

Special speaker was member Cal Chambers whose book 'Two Tracks - One Goal' was published in 1992 by Credo Publishing Corporation in Longley. It was printed in the U.S. and retails for \$12.95 and is available in some local Christian bookstores.

The book shows the inter-relationships between Twelve Step Program of Alcoholics Anonymous and Christian faith.

Ingrid gave info on upcoming writers conferences
Lawsonport - May

Moody - June

Mt. Hermon April 2-6

Pacific NW - July

She presented a writing opportunity for a newsg

insert of church advertisements & church news.
Further discussion to follow at next meeting.

Members were asked to bring revised articles from club publication for next meeting.

Helmut closed meeting in prayer. Refreshments followed.

Prayer was given, change of devotionals which focused on the glory of God.

Joy Newfield gave some thoughts and components of a sociology: dates of birth/death, causes of death, list of friends & relatives, education, family, where he or she lived, occupation, hobbies etc, ending with a tribute. She had sociology table, wrote for her in 12/92.

Priscilla gave a preview to her report on the writer's conference she attended in April/93. Her report will be at the May meeting.

Rhody Lake was our special speaker. She is editor of "Alma" - a health food magazine, which is distributed at health food stores across Canada. She explained how magazine is put together, about its deadlines and advertising. Writers must be specific in their content and must have knowledge in nutrition.

Margaret Jones shared she has answers to prayer as her two books are being published this spring.

Carl Chambers presented order forms for his recent book.

Followers from last month's silent auction were

Minutes of the meeting held April 26/93.

- 13 people were in attendance.

The evening opened with introductions along with each one telling something about their parents romance.

Minutes of March meeting were read.

Jane Temple was in charge of devotional which focused on the glory of God.

Joy Neufeld gave some thoughts and components of a eulogy: dates of birth/death, cause of death, list of family & relatives, place in family, where he or she lived, occupation, education, hobbies etc, ending with a tribute. She then read eulogy she wrote for her dad in 12/92.

Prisma gave a preview to her report on the writer's conference she attended in April/93. Her report will be at the May meeting.

Rhody Lake was our special speaker. She is editor of "Alive" - a health food magazine, which is distributed ^{as a} in health food stores across Canada. She ^{promotion} explained how magazine is put together, about its deadlines and advertising. Writers must be specific in their content and must have knowledge re nutrition.

Margaret Jones shared she has answers to prayer as her two books are being published this spring.

Cal Chambers presented order forms for his recent book.

Leftovers from last month's 'silent auction' were

available now as a 'secret auction'.

Ingrid gave updates on upcoming conferences.

Seattle University. June 28-30.

Pacific NW - secular - July

Oregon July 19-22

C.B.C. Clearbrook - Oct. 29-30 with Lucy Shaw
as main speaker.

She also had information re short stories wanted
for a school curriculum (in Ont.?).

A suggestion was made that there be more advertising
on Community calendar and Cable 3. Ingrid offered to
talk to Col Wickham re this.

Helmut closed meeting in prayer. At next mtg
meeting the June meeting will be discussed.

The evening concluded with refreshments.

mw.

May 24, 1993 meeting was cancelled due to holiday and lack of interest.

mw.

June 28, 1993 meeting was a pot-luck sup at home of Ingrid Shelton with good attendance. A variety of food was enjoyed indoors and out.

Special feature was a guest _____ from Swoey/Whiterock. She and a group of others from her church are starting a new venture - publishing a community newspaper in Sept.

A second feature was a slide presentation by Bill Lescheid who recently visited China as Bill + Helen's daughter is there for some time.

mw.

Minutes of the meeting held Sept. 27, 1963.

Attendance - 12.

1. Chairperson was June Temple who asked everyone to introduce themselves, give a brief statement re our summer, followed by a prayer request.

Some of the requests were as followed:

Margaret for son

Peggy discipling new Christian

Hilda to find new home after selling old one

(has Bachelor of General Studies thru H.B.C. Access program).

Myrtle - her husband has Parkinsons

Cal - starting a group 'Professionals affirming Christians'

June for husband's back pain & wisdom for doc

2. No minutes of previous meeting.

3. Treasurer's report - \$94.06.

4. New business: re how to get books authored by members before the public and church libraries.
 - authors as a group will be autographing at House of James in Dec. and at Missions Fest in Jan.
 - members also were encouraged to bring books to meetings for selling.

- ② Members were asked for ideas on how to hold inter in meetings. Names for potential guest speaker spots are needed and can be brought for next meeting.

5. Lists were passed around for members to volunteer

for devotions and refreshments for future meetings.

6. It was suggested that members bring something they've written to share at meeting. This need not be an item meant for publishing.

7. First speaker was Myrtle Everett who self-published a book recently called 'Out of Russia'. It's an ~~auto~~ biographic novel based on the life of a Russian prima donna during the reign of Tsar Nicholas II. There were 3000 books printed by Friesen Printers in Man.; retailing at \$20.00 each. Myrtle and her daughter formed their own publishing company costing \$180.00 to register compared to \$800.00 when done through a lawyer. (3 name ideas needed by Victoria)

8. Second speaker was Margaret Jewa who had two poetry books published July 1, called 'Fourth Watch' and 'First a Fire'. Two books were published for financial reasons - so cost retail prices could be kept to \$10.00. Poetry books do not sell well as the audience is so limited. Besides the poetry Margaret did the black & white drawings plus the paintings for the covers. 4000 books were printed by Friesen Printers in Man.

9. Report by Ingrid

- for the Wordpower conference at C.B.C. Oct. 29 an info sheet should be available re the writer's club

- a host or hostess and a leader are needed to head a critique group

- the club has tapes which can be borrowed for one month.

- members with books to promote should write short reviews for publicity purposes.

Closing prayer - June

Refreshments and socializing followed.
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Corrections -

Autograph signing at House of James will be
Nov. 13 not in Dec.

Signing at Missions Fest will be in Feb
not in Jan.

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Minutes of the meeting held October 25, 1993.

14 people were in attendance.

1. Meeting was chaired by Helmut who asked everyone to talk about something that happened to them this summer.
2. Minutes of Sept. 27, 1993 were read.
3. Treasurer's report - \$70.06
4. Edith referred to critique meetings to be held the second Mon. of the month at her house. No one attended the last meeting.
5. Martha Martens was the first speaker opening her remarks with Psalm 16:1. She recently had a book published on depression. It's written from her own ^{and others} experiences plus ~~others have shared with her~~. It's simply written based on scripture and meant to be an encouragement to others. Proceeds will go for missions. It is 68 pages, and was published by Heartbeat Products of Abbotsford. (Win & Carries Wachmann) Cost \$4.00.
6. June Temple, the second speaker, had her third book baby delivered this day after a gestation and labour of ten years. Through her travels she discovered that college students wondered what was missing in their prayer life. Her book answers that by concentrating on adoration to God. Bible verses were sources for 54 attributes and personal words referring to God. (She researched about 10 Bible versions plus Bible dictionaries for each

Songs are included for each word (but she needed copyright permission for 100 songs paying £25.00 minimum for each.) She sent the book to 200 publishers and received 200 rejections. She then acquired Win Wacksmann ^{of Heartbeat Productions} as publisher (who asked 6 recommendations) Title of the book is What's Mine and sells for \$15.00.

Several pages were read aloud as a devotional.

Prayer requests: followed.

Eleanor - for Dr. Masud who is in jail because of reading The Bible.

Hilda - for local regulators who are Shi'ite. Jan asked questions re the Bible and Christianity and accepted a New Testament.

Edith - people in Rift Valley in Kenya are being killed during multi-party elections.

7. Ingrid gave report on writers conference on Oct. 29 (220 people have registered and she asked for volunteers to help Jim Coggins prior to conference.)

She also suggested the Christmas party be held Mon. Dec. 20 at The Park Inn. Cost would be \$10.00 per person for a Chinese + Western buffet. Spouses are welcome and tickets will be available at the November meeting.

Everyone was in favour.

8. June suggested that book authors ask their pastor on behalf of writers club to have a book autographing session at their church on a Sunday.

She has written a letter to school librarians re

club members books but asked for help in addressing and mailing them. Several people volunteered.

9. Ray announced he is running for council and asked for prayer for his speaking opportunities.
10. Helmut closed in prayer and refreshments followed.

mw.

Fraser Valley Christian Writers Group

Meeting date: November 22, 1993, 7 p.m. Kariton House
& location

Members present: Tilly Robinson, Cal Chambers,
Dianne Chretien, Edith Devitt, Helmut Gandrich,
Eleanore Klassen, Jake Born, Ingrid Shelton,
Kathy Thorne, Hilda Born. 10-attendance

I Chairman H. Gandrich conducted the meeting
and opened with prayer.

II The attendance was down because of severe
winter weather. This, however, prompted Helmut
to suggest sharing a winter story that is
unique to you. Everyone present had at least
one memorable incident to relate. eg. Eleanore's
Chuk. dentist fears her appointments indicate a
blizzard, Tilly's furloughs from Africa meant
hazardous road conditions, several people spoke
about close calls when a foot on ^{the car} brake on a sheet
of ice abruptly turned their cars into a U turn
and they were shocked to discover themselves
facing into the direction from which they'd come.

III Devotional - Hilda Born - Genesis 2:10
God's provision for the earth's needs
everywhere, even in Africa. Several
writing and seasonal prayer requests
followed, also for work for Jilly's son.

IV After prayer, Hilda Born told of their
discoveries in S. Africa, Botswana,
Zimbabwe, briefly in Zambia at the
Victoria Falls. Titled "The Spirit of
Africa" the talk told of present
conditions and the efforts of individuals
including Bryan + Teresa Born. There is
great potential for the continent with
proper effort and management under
God's direction.

V Travel writing opportunities were
discussed. Hilda listed two dozen
articles in which travel was a basis.

VI Jacob + Hilda showed eighty slides
of Africa and explained them briefly.

VII After Helmut's closing prayer, cheese,
crackers, and oranges were served
with tea.

Hilda Born.

FRASER VALLEY CHRISTIAN WRITERS GROUP -- 1993

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3. Brunskill, Annette	2668 Countess Clearbrook	850-3340
4. Bush, Karen	34558 Penner Ave. Mission V 5X4	826-7801
5. Chambers, Cal	35087 N. Sward Rd. Mission V2V 4J1	820-2424
6. Coggins, Jim	Office: 853-5502	Home: 853-5583
7. Crarey, Karen		853-7979
8. Chretien, Dianne		852-2847
9. Dalziel, Chris	R.R.5, 33475 Dewdney Trunk Rd. Mission	820-9064
10. Devitt, Edith	Apt. 211, 33535 King Rd. V2S 6Z5	853-4365
11. Devries, Trudy		576-4252
12. Evertt, Myrtle	7755 Grand St. Mission V2V 3T6	826-6173
13. Fandrich, Helmut	2461 Sunnyside Pl. Clbk. V2T 4C4	850-0133
14. Friesen, Ina	36050 Southridge Place, Abb. V2S 4N4	852-5787
15. Goosen, Doreen	2754 DeHavilland, Clbk. V2T 5L3	850-3557
16. Guenther, Gloria	20315 16th Ave. Langley V3A 4P4	534-0480
17. Harnett, Tracy	34221 - 4th Ave. Huntingdon VOX 1M0	852-0842
18. Huizinga, Helen	6782-267th St. Aldergrove VOX 1A0	856-6939
19. Hooze Selma		823-4169
20. Hide, Elma	#19 2050 Gladwin Rd. Abb V2S 4P8	859-6960
21. Isaak, Sally	29-3055 Trafalgar St. Abb. V2S 4N3	853-4483
22. Joiner, Shirley	15-3755 Clearbrook, Rd. Clbk.	850-5683
23. Keryluik, Peggy	R.R. 6, 2467 Cameron Cr.	852-2934
24. Klassen, Betty	1941 Valencia Ct. Clbk.	854-5210
25. Klassen, Eleanore	32741 Nicola Close, Abb. V2S 6A9	852-1140
26. Knoll, Doug, Rev.	Foursquare Church, Abb.	854-3511
27. Kollin, Ray	#118-33382 Nelson, Clbk. V2S 2L5	850-5406
28. Kurian, Grace	2523 Sunnyside Cr. Clbk. V2T 1Y1	850-2148
29. Lake, Rhody	3223 240th St. Langley V3A 7B9	534-2191
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1993 Christmas Dinner

Monday December 20, 1993

Palace Restaurant, Park Inn Hotel, Abbotsford

May the God of Christmas inspire you this Christmas and bless your writing throughout the coming years.

Evening Activities

- * punch & the sharing of Christmas wishes
- * Dr. June Temple plays on the keyboard
- * Marg Toews reads her poems.
- * Elmer Vigh gives thanks for food
- Buffet dinner
- * Susan Loewen reads her poems
- * Rena Fandrich, Niki Bysouth & Deanna Newton sing
- * Hilda Born shares a personal story
- * Karen Crarey sings a Christmas favourite
- * Bert Warden leads in singing Christmas carols & shares an experience
- * Eleanore & Art Klassen take us on a slide tour of the middle East
- * Karen Crarey sings "Oh Holy Night"

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Refreshments: Annette Brunskill 850-3340

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may praise the Lord**

Psalms 102:18

Minutes of meeting held Mon. Jan. 25, 1994.

Held at Kariton House with 16 people attending, including
4 newcomers.

1. Helmut opened meeting by asking everyone to introduce themselves & relate a war-time experience or lesson thereof.

Selma - 7 yrs. old, family fled to Poland from Ukraine & fled again to Germany.

Edith was a missionary in Kenya. Her group was arrested but they ended up cooking for their captors.

* Gladys remembers blackouts in O.K. valley

Annette spent one year as a secretary in Ottawa

Edma was in grade 2 & tried to relate gift of candy to the facts of war.

Myrtle had 4 brothers join up in order to get a job - the youngest one was killed.

Marlene - started school, remembers war rations

* Mildred - parents were newlyweds

* Bev - born after the war. Her father held Bible studies in cavalry against the threat of death.

Margaret - father was a minister / chaplain.
"Objectors" went before a judge & had to serve term in alternative service for duration of war.

Bert - joined air force & came to know the Lord.

* Judy Staples - a baby boomer; father played trumpet in Salvation Army.

Leal Chambers - his father in artillery & became quartermaster.

2. New people attending were welcomed.

Gladys Murray.

852-2156.

Mildred

Barb

Judy Staples

3. Minutes were read.
4. A devotional was given in the form of a poem by Margaret Towns called "Forgive us our prayers." Helmut led in prayer.
5. A break for refreshments followed.
6. An announcement re a critique meeting to be held the third Friday of the month. For Feb. at Barb's.
7. Special guest was Paul Getz of Vancouver. Paul was born in Warsaw, Poland & kept a diary from age 1. The family fled Poland but his older sister saved his diaries. He was a prisoner of war of both the U.S. & England & he referred to these as his university years as he had exposure to libraries & courses. war changed his life drastically & quickly as he witnessed days of the city on fire & people with terrible injuries. He came to ask what is the sense of life but one day became aware of God peace in his heart.

Paul suggested we write down about those moments when God is here. Write about failures, about being human.

His first book of his life experiences & reflections called 'Turning Points'; was printed at U.B.C. & retails for \$25.00. His second book will be called 'An Ordinary Life'.

8. More refreshments & socializing followed.

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Minutes of the meeting held Feb. 28, 1994.

Meeting was held at Keriton House with 11 people in attendance.

1. The meeting was chaired by Helmut. For openers he asked everyone to relate something to do with politics.
2. Minutes were read.
3. In June's absence Marlene is to accept dues for club memberships fees.
4. Discussion followed re changing place of meetings to Seven Oaks Alliance church, room #111. Cost will work out to \$10.00 a night.
It was agreed to, along with ^{the} date continuing to be the 4th Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.
5. Doreen led in a devotional in the form of three prayers: 2 by Peter Marshall and 1 from the Common Book of Prayer.
6. Next critique meeting will be held Fri. Mar. 25 at Elma Hyde's place at 7:00 p.m.
7. Doreen told of a book she wrote and had printed ~~for her family~~ as a gift for her family.
8. A video was shown called "Write from the heart" with Keith Miller.
He talked of developing an idea into a book, starting with a working title and a table of contents. The title is the spine of the book & suggests the thread thought through out the book. Write the table of

contents in 10 minutes, then rearrange items in ^{a more} correct order & rewrite it. Time was allowed to work on both a title and table of contents.

9. Helmut closed meeting in prayer.
10. Represtments and socializing followed. mw.

Program for March 27, 1994 in Sevenoaks Alliance Church

1. Welcome: What do you remember about your father? Tell us about one characteristic. Illustrate how this characteristic touched you.
2. Minutes: Marlene Vigh
3. Devotional:
4. Gladys Murray tells about a booklet she has written.
5. Writing queries: Questions you may have; something you may wish to read; ideas you want to share with group.
6. Next critique meeting_____
7. Paul Goetze's book available for \$25.
8. Video 2nd- **Write from the Heart**: Kieth Millar
 - (a) select a passionate working title (2) write 16 problems for table of contents (3) select order of problems.continue.....

Minutes of the meeting held March 28, 1994.

1. The meeting was held at the new location of Room at Sevenside Alliance church. 17 people attended, 3 of them were newcomers.
2. The meeting was chaired by Helmut who asked for a round of introductions with each person to say something about their fathers.
3. Minutes were read.
4. Devotional - Eleanore K. read a section on "Spring" from book of devotionals by Charles Swindoll. Doreen then read a prayer for March by Saint Patrick.
5. Time was allowed for discussion of individual writing problems & concerns.
6. A market guide for writers was passed around. Members interested in ordering it will receive a free T-shirt. Members were also encouraged to bring their own published books for display & retailing.
7. A critique meeting date and place was not established.
8. The video feature was the second in the series called 'Write from the heart.' A review was given of the first session and then some of the points made were:
 - if you're a logical person, then be logical in writing
 - don't worry about being inspired
 - be real, be human
 - a hint on how to change a title - with a pencil.
 - even if book is never published, gathering material is of benefit for personal growth.

- be organized as you gather materials

① manila folders - 1 for each chapter
plus 1 for misc.

② 3x5 cards for collecting ideas and thoughts
and information

1 card should have title & table of contents
and should be carried around with writer as

- read it every morning and pray about it.

- the human mind finds what it's looking
for, so write down ideas whenever & wherever

③ - write chapter number on upper right of card
& file in corresponding folder.

④ decide whether you're a helper or controller.

⑤ go to library and ask for help on subject
- give credit to other authors

⑥ have a quiet time to

pray

make a to-do list

train yourself to listen to the Lord.

write in journal whatever comes to you.

9. The meeting was closed.

10. Refreshments and socializing followed.

mw.

Program for April 24, 1994 in Sevenoaks Alliance Church

1. Welcome: What is the most powerful word in the English language to you? Tell us why is it so strong, and illustrate with an experience.
2. Minutes: Marlene Vigh
3. Devotional:
4. Prisma Streifling-report on conference
5. Joy Neufeld-Story-time writing.
6. Phil Hood - self-publishing
7. Gladys Murray booklet on stress she has written
8. Writing queries: Questions you may have; something you may wish to read or ideas you want to share with group.
8. Writing News-
9. Next critique meeting_____
10. May Meeting on Victoria weekend? I won't be here. June social:
11. Video 3rd- **Write from the Heart**: Kieth Millar

Minutes of meeting held April 25, 1994.

Meeting was held in Room 101 Sevenoaks Albanian church. 13 people attended.

1. A round of introductions opened the meeting with each person to talk of a powerful word & its personal meaning.
2. Minutes of March 28, 1994 meeting were read.
3. Prisma gave a report on the writer's conference she attended in California. The young people of her church raised \$100.00 in a car wash to help towards expenses.
4. Time was allowed for sharing writing problems.
5. It was decided to have May meeting on the 16th as the normal fourth Mon. is a long week-end.
6. The third in series of "Write from the heart" was viewed. It covered these points:
 - ① ^{decide} how much research is needed?
give yourself a deadline or you'll never get started on manuscript
 - ② gathering material when there's no particular book in mind.
 - use the cycles/events of life as a guide
 - save assorted info on 3x5 cards
 - ③ journalling daily helps develop style
 - can be developed into devotional books which can help people see new truth or a solution to a problem
 - ④ ask - who is your audience?

- determine a specific audience as in letter writing.
- contents should make sense to recipient.
- find someone who turns you on to using your creative switch.

7. The meeting was closed in prayer.

8. Refreshments & socializing followed.

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Program for May 16, 1994 in Sevenoaks Alliance Church

1. Welcome: Tell us a wedding story
2. Minutes: Marlene Vigh
3. Devotional:
4. Lorna Tatomere? - representative from *Christian Info*.
5. Loius Teed 20 min?
6. Writing queries: Questions you may have about writing; something you may wish to read or ideas you want to share with group.
7. Writing News-Ingrid
8. Next critique meeting _____
9. June social: where _____
10. Need help: Treasurer _____ Chairman
11. Video 4th- ***Write from the Heart***: Kieth Millar

Minutes of the meeting held May 16, 1994.

Meeting was held at Alliance church with 21 people in attendance.

1. Helmut chaired the meeting and for openers asked everyone to share an item of interest re a week we had attended.
2. Minutes were read.
3. Joy Neufeld shared re her work with "Tell-a-story" ministry with the Child Evangelism Assoc. A child can dial the number and hear a Bible story. Joy and her husband look after installing machines in towns across B.C. for this purpose. They can use 3 min. stories which should include Salvation.
4. Ingrid introduced Lorna ?, a representative of Christian Info News.
This newspaper has 100,000 readers, is sent to 650 churches, promoting Christian ministries. They do not want poetry, ^{or} creative writing; just news, ^{see} current issues (abortion/pre-life). Remember to be brilliant, be brief, be gone. You may send for writer's guidelines.
5. Time was allowed for sharing writing problems and concerns.
6. Ingrid gave update on writer's conference: Seattle - June 22-24.
She encouraged members to attend a conference once a year and to consider it as an investment. You can learn in 4 days what otherwise takes

She suggested we look for Town + Country News published in Whitrock. They will accept articles but study magazine first. (Lois Seed)

7. Critique meetings were discussed.
8. The June meeting will be on the 20th as a pot- at 6:00 p.m. at Centennial park. Spouses welcome.
9. It was announced that elections will be held in September.
10. Another part of the video "Write from the heart" was viewed. Keith Miller the speaker made the following points:
 - ① - write to lay people - there are more lay people than theologians
 - ② - guard use of big words - are you teaching about Jesus or about words?
 - ③ - ask whether your purpose is to make you look good?
 - ④ - ask what kind of stuff can they handle?
 - ⑤ - if you want to be universal then be very specific
 - ⑥ - use everyday illustrations
 - but don't hurt anyone in the process
 - get permission from person in the story.
11. Meeting was closed in prayer. Refreshments & socializing followed.

Program for June 20, 1994 in Centennial Park

1. Welcome:

Food

2. Minutes: Marlene Vigh

3. Devotional:

7. Writing News-Ingrid

8. Next critique meeting_____

9. September meeting

10. Need help: Treasurer_____ Chairman

A pot-luck supper was held
June 20/94.

No minutes or records of this
event due to my absence.

Where?

Attendance?

Features?

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