

## **NFW Minutes**

**March 12, 2011**

**Attendees:** Stewart Neal, Margie Sauls, Joyce Davidson, Kathy Marsh, Rita Faulkner, Peter McDonald, Howard Denson and John Sullivan

### **Meeting called to order at 2:15 PM**

Motion carried to approve the February 8, 2011 Minutes.

A printed Agenda was distributed to all the members.

Treasurer, Howard Denson, reported a total of \$1891.11 in the account with \$1478.72 in savings and \$412.39 in checking.

### **Announcements:**

Press Releases about NFW meetings are in the *Florida-Times Union* and Clay County's *Neighbor to Neighbor* monthly newspaper.

Author Vic Digeni was rescheduled to speak at the September 10, 2011 meeting.

The NFW Website has the Minutes and By-Laws, in addition to related information.

<http://www.northfloridawriters.org/>

Member Rita Faulkner placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Flash Fiction category at the Royal Palm Literary Awards.

### **Old Business:**

The report about modifications to the website were tabled until the next meeting.

A novel contest discussion will be revisited at the next meeting.

Discussion about actions to improve the organization will be forthcoming at future meetings.

### **New Business:**

President Neal is pursuing information and a possible guest speaker from Amazon.com regarding the e-book trend.

Members discussed the use of italics in 1<sup>st</sup> person prose.

Margie Sauls shared a critique from Harlequin for her romance mystery written after winning a critique opportunity in a drawing at a Romance Writers' Workshop.

Suggestions:

List member accolades on NFW website.

Label genre before submitting item to be critiqued w/brief summary if it is an internal chapter of a novel.

**Critiques:**

Four items were presented to critique:

Murder on the Island (mystery) – Chapter

The Sleigh (mystery) – Short Story

The Cripples – Short Story

The Preacher Cat – Flash Fiction

Meeting Adjourned at 4:20 PM