

ABDASC MINUTES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011
Ed's Editions
Columbia

Next Meeting Reminder ON HOLD

See Treasurer's Report on Mike Bailey

I. Welcome—(Ed Allbritton, edseditions@sc.rr.com)

- ℞• **Present:** Ed, Ron, John & Maureen, Don & Pat, Skip, Pat (Ballard), Fred
- ℞• **Regrets:** Neil, Kitty, Jim & Shirley, Tim & Tina, Wilson, Jim, Joachim

II. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

- ℞• Minutes from the August meeting were swiftly approved since no one could produce a copy to argue over.

III. Webmaster Report (Tina McDuffie, tina@herebebooks.com)

- Tina was with us in heart only. She is ever-present on the Web.

III. Treasurer's Report (Ron Bridwell, athbooks@aol.com)

- Ron stated that our beginning bank balance as of August 21/2010 was \$3,199.36. Deposits for the year equaled \$1,700 and expenditures were \$2,373.68. The current bank balance is \$2,746.68. This is a *summary*. Ron went into far more detail at the meeting.
- Ron also brought us some deeply troubling news. Mike Bailey has a very serious illness. The long-term outlook is not good. If you recall, Mike & Diane are just about to open the doors of a new brick and mortar bookstore in Fountain Inn. That store is now up for sale. It's already stocked and absolutely turnkey. If you know of anyone who would be interested in acquiring it, please let Mike & Diane know.
- Their phone number is: 864-243-3341.
- We had planned to take our autumn road trip meeting up to Fountain Inn to break in the new book store. Obviously, that is now in serious doubt. We'll let you

know more as we find it out. Everyone in ABDASC extends our heartfelt compassion toward our fine Bookquest friends in the upstate.

IV. Vice-president's Report (Skip Webb, gumshoebks@campaignsystems.com)

- Skip was present and in rare form. He offered the suggestion that we recruit new members via ABE listings. His idea is to educate them and make them better booksellers through active ABDASC membership. The idea was met with a mixed reception. Some booksellers voiced concerns about training the competition. Regardless of whether it's a good idea or a less good idea, what this member recalls is that last year we time and again begged for educational articles for Antique Lynx. We even signed some people up with topics. My article on buying online was the *only* one that got written.

V. President's Report (Ed Albritton, edseditions@sc.rr.com)

- Another sort of associate membership was discussed. We already have the emeritus associate membership. This new category would be open to employees of current members. This idea also received a mixed reception. It was discussed at length, but ultimately tabled until another day.
- Ed reports that the people who *run* the book fair thought it was very successful. I guess they did not poll the antiquarian dealers very thoroughly. Attendance was lower than last year, and name authors were a rarity, but those grim measures were played down. Unofficial word has it that Barnes & Noble and Books-A-Million did well. Skip reported that he had a good show, selling a couple of nice pieces and a lot of \$5.00 fiction.
- I can report first hand that the hot dog vendor was doing a brisk business while Don and I chatted merrily, given that we were *not* being besieged to do many appraisals at the same table that had lines leading to it last year. Appraisals brought ABDASC about half the money they did last year.

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Good selling to you!

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Secretary

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