

EWC NEWS

Letter from the President ~ John Toles

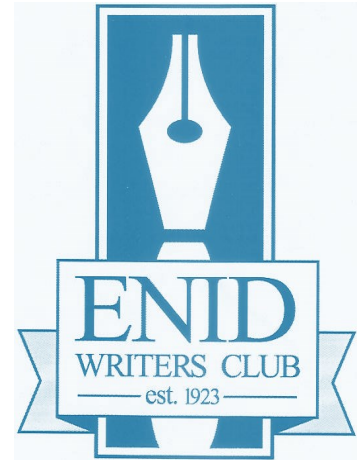
Our next meeting—Thursday, December 7th at 6:30 pm—is our annual Christmas party. If you are able, please bring a small treat to pass and a gift (\$15 or less) to exchange. The Roll Call: “Why did the owl hoot?”

The Scholarship Committee has been hard at work. Notifications will be sent to high schools in Garfield and Grant counties. This year, we opted to pass on the prompt and allow the seniors to select their own genre and topic.

How are your entries coming for the upcoming writing competitions? The deadline for OWFI entries is February 1, 2024. Rules and categories can be found at <https://www.owfi.org/the contest>. The EWC deadline is March 1, 2024. Rules and categories can be found in your yearbook or online at <https://enidwriters.club/>.

“We who make stories know that we tell lies for a living. But they are good lies that say true things, and we owe it to our readers to build them as best we can. Because somewhere out there is someone who needs that story. Someone who will grow up with a different landscape, who without that story will be a different person. And who with that story may have hope, or wisdom, or kindness, or comfort. And that is why we write.” - Neil Gaiman, *The Graveyard Book*

Keep telling lies.



Next Meeting

12/7/23

Treasurer's Report

\$1382.76 for the month of November, 2023

About Us

Phillips University Professor Roy J Wolfinger founded the Enid Writers Club on January 6, 1923, and it holds the honor of being the oldest writing club in Oklahoma. EWC is an affiliated member of Oklahoma Writers Federation, Inc.

Our Elected Officers:

President

John Toles

Vice-President

Miles Halcomb

Secretary

Karen Evans

Treasurer

Paula Bengé

Our Appointed Officers:

Parliamentarian

Vacant

Membership Chairman

Karen Evans

OWFI Delegates & Reporters

Peggy Chambers

Martha Draper

Enid Writers Club Minutes, Nov 2, 2023

- The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm by President John Toles. Thirteen members were present: Cathy Thorp, Karen Evans, Erica Roark, Martha Draper, Paula Bengé, Gwen Valdez, Cam Prochaska, Peggy Chambers, John Toles, Pam Courtney, Miles Halcomb, Margo Holmes, and Emma Terry. Bob Courtney attended as a visitor.
- There were no corrections to the minutes, as reported in the newsletter. Secretary's minutes were approved.
- There were no questions concerning the Treasurer's Report of \$1675.65, as reported in the newsletter. The report will be filed for audit.
- John Toles presented the program on blogging.
- Reviewing the workshop held on October 28, this year we received two grants: \$250 from the Enid Arts Council and \$500 from St Matthews Episcopal Church. Since we received more than we spent, it was decided the leftover monies would be tagged for use in next year's workshop.
- Discussion took place over expanding the 2024 Scholarship contest to include graduating seniors from Grant County in addition to the original scope of Garfield County. Gwen Valdez motioned to include Grant County in the scholarship. Seconded by Peggy Chambers. The motion passed.
- Members of the Scholarship Committee include John Toles, Peggy Chambers, Erica Roark, and Cam Prochaska.
- Critique will be held at Bobbie's house on each 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm.
- Roll Calls were read. This month five members tied for the travelling trophy: John Toles, Miles Halcomb, Martha Draper, Cam Prochaska, and Karen Evans.
- The meeting ended at 7:44 pm.

Submitted by Karen Evans, November 2, 2023

2023 Enid Writers Club Workshop



Speaker Amy Prokapis



Speaker Lynn Phillips



Speaker Faith Phillips



Miles Halcomb presents Paula Benge with grant check from St Matthews.



Martha Draper (left) and Gwen Valdez (right) manned the registration table.

Reminders

The next EWC meeting
will be at NWOSU,
Room 124, December 7

Annual Dues:
EWC = \$20
OWFI = \$25

Roll Call Topic:

Why did the owl hoot?

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