

# WSFA JOURNAL

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### First Friday January 3, 2014

Attendance: Cathy Green, Ivy Yap, Elspeth Kovar, Bill Lawhorn, Brian Lewis, Sam Lubell, Bob Macintosh, Sarah Mitchell, Kathi Overton, Mark Roth, Judy Scheiner, Sam Scheiner, Elizabeth Twitchell, Michael Walsh, Sandeep Nair, Lee Strong, David Keener

Meeting brought to order at 9:18pm

Committee reports:

Treasurer reported that WSFA had approximately \$38,000 and the Capclave surplus was at \$5675 with a couple invoices outstanding for advertisements. Also, the transfer to M&T bank is almost complete and there will be three accounts: WSFA; Capclave; and WSFA Press for better tracking of funds.

Trustees had no report. Capclave past noted that there were lots of new people and we filled the parking lot. Capclave present said things were going great. Capclave future is closing in on a hotel.

Committee to Actually Discuss SF will discuss F&SF and next meeting will discuss Galaxy's Edge from Arc Manor. Entertivities noted that Myke Cole will be at the LoC and that there was a 5th Friday in January. Also noted BSFS on Feb. 1st was doing an author release party.

No old Business.

New Business: There is a 5th Friday in January.

Announcements: Lee Strong made an announcement about the proposed Museum of Science Fiction and talked with people about it after the meeting. January 14 at 7pm at One More Page Books Alma Katsu will be having a release party for her book The Descent, the final book in the Taker Trilogy.

There will be cake and a wine tasting. Mike Walsh is selling books at 3 for \$2. Kathi Overton noted that Jay Lake was in town at NIH and could use some assistance.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45pm.

### Third Friday January 17, 2014

Attendance: Sam Lubell, Shirl Phelps, Barry and Judy Newton, Bob MacIntosh, Candy and John Newton, Michael Ikeda, Laura Somerville, Sarah Mitchell, Bill Lawhorn, Ivy Yap, Elizabeth Twitchell, Erica Ginter, Brian Lewis, Nikki Varney, Michael Walsh, Sam Hogan/zenlizard, Frances Holland, Carolyn Frank and Jensen Toperzer.

Prez Barry said Let's get this thing on its way at 9:02.

There was no old business. Dues are due.

Bob said 2 ½ months before need to make a trustees slate. See him or Brian.

Committees: Sam L. said the Committee to talk SF will be doing Galaxy's Edge Magazine. Judy N complained about reading on screen so Laura gave her a print copy. Bill and Erica caused a headache. Four books sold at Illogicon, which made a profit. Meetup had people join, 187, no space if all show up. Cathy will make fudge if we get 200 people, said Elizabeth. Bill said, no she wouldn't. Lit awards – WSFans can nominate one story. No campaigning. Capclave Present chair Bill said bookmarks were given at Illogicon, not as big as last year. Will say Capclave unless enough time to get more space. Ahead on registration compared to 2 years ago, about 120 including dealers. Discussion of reminder email. 2008 sent out postcards. WFC mailing includes an ad in for Capclave in back. Capclave Future:

Sam L said Bob negotiated hotel contract.

Fifth Friday, both Sam L and Sam Zenlizard volunteered their places for a party but Zen had to check, "Either way, a Sam will host," said Sam L. (who ended up as the host). No other new business.

New people: Nikki Varney for her second meeting and Jensen Topperzer, freelance writer who works for Circlet Press. Frances Holland was last at WSFA 20 years ago.

Announcements: Myke Cole will speak at Library of Congress on the 31<sup>st</sup>. Kristen Stewart from Twilight is doing a romantic version of 1984, not based on the book but on the movie.

Meeting unanimously adjourned at 21:32

## **First Friday February 7, 2014**

Attendance: Ken Byrer, Paul Haggerty, Bill Lawhorn, Brian Lewis, Sam Lubell, Bob Macintosh, Sarah Mitchell, Barry and Judy Newton, Judy and Sam Scheiner, George Shaner, Steve Smith, Laura Somerville, Gayle Surette, Michael Walsh, Ivy Yap, Madeleine Yeh, David Keener, HP Lovecraft, Rodger Burns

Prez Barry came in right on time. No gavel. We have more than a quorum said Sam S. Let's have a WSFA meeting said Barry. Call to order 21:21 hours. Barry had a nice dinner. Odio Austeria. Judy will rave about it. Sam L. read minutes. Brian said approved. Vote. Approved.

Treasurer Sam said Feb 42,436.83 up almost 8900 from last year. Sam S. closed the Citibank account. All at M&T in 3 accounts – WSFA, Capclave, and Press. At the moment CDs paying 1 percent. At some point, may pay to invest the money. Now do have a Square account so can take cc for dues, but cash or check won't charge a fee. Crystal Pepsi is always the designated driver, because it will never be drunk, said Sam. Bob said election in May, so we need people to assume position. See a trustee to run. Brian said completed new membership application. Will send to webmaster. Barry asked about membership cards. Brian said we used to but haven't felt worth the expense. Sam S. said to send it to him so can do it paperless. Brian asked about backups, Sam S. said could always print them. Mad asked about mandatory ids to keep people from voting.

WSFA Press, Paul said sold last signed limited GRRM, still have several hundred of trades. \$16,000 worth of books in the Skin Trade, \$6,000 surplus for this book alone. New book this year. Honor the chair. Dreamhouses has been turned in. Now being copy edited. We have the cover. By Genevieve Valentine. 250 signed. 500 trade unsigned. Probably will sell out at Capclave. No one gets the book until Capclave, but will be doing preorders. Bulk will be available for Capclave members. Sam S. said took money at last Capclave for a few. At the time when you buy your Capclave membership, can get the book preordered. Lots of arguing. Gayle said World Fantasy is right after Capclave. Put in for a table, will need people to run it because Peggy Rae talked to them and are busy.

Capclave Past – Mike said done. We have a surplus. Sam S. said surplus of about \$5,000.

Capclave Present. Bill Talked to hotel, we have rooms though, but will be a change in dinner if Rook is booked up. Will do buffets and keep Starbucks open later. Cathy is sending out program participant invites. Get your Capclave memberships now. We have a table at Boskone, will have one at Ravencon and Balticon.

Capclave Future. Signed hotel contract. One guest said interested but needs to check with family.

Far Future – Bob said in negotiations with the hotel for 2016. Barry asked if Far Future chair would get a say. Bob said the club voted for a two-year deal.

Social media – Darth Dodo on twitter feed.

Talk SF will discuss F&SF. 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday will be Clarkesworld. Next month we will discuss Hugo

recommendations.

Old business: No.

New business: Sam S. had some. Given how well the club is doing in funds. We are a 501c4, Sam S. moved that we raise the small press award from \$250 to \$500. Brian asked, how much do we have in those funds. Sam S. said we have \$9,000 more than last year. So, if going forward, we just break even, we still have \$9,000 so could do this for 18 years. Judy suggested doing this in increments. Judy N. asked if the past winners would be upset. Gayle said no, they'd understand that there was more money from books. Sam L. asked what we would get for it. Sam S. said it would mean more prestige, more ompf. Gayle said, the only change is more people would want to win it, so maybe more stories come in. Already, this prize is really something people aspire to win, raising the money makes it more important in their eyes. Recognition. Sam L. asked what Compton Cook gives.

Mike said about 1,000 and the winner is brought in. Paolo said he spent his check in the bar. So another \$1,000 for flights. Lucky all the winners are U.S. Ken said, \$500 is the next logical number up, after 250. Steve asked if any virtue to a cash award to the other nominees. Gayle said there are eight to 10, so would not be much. If come to Capclave get free memberships. Brian asked about another possible. Yes 13; Nay – 1; Abs – 2; Barry said it passed.

Bill made a motion that WSFA press guests be funded from WSFA Press. Sam S said, it doesn't really make a difference since all pots are under WSFA. Brian read the provisions from the standing rules. Gayle said had a surplus from books since restarted the press, plus additional found money from the older books. Sam S. said until now, never had separate account or tracking except what Paul and Gayle did. So on Jan 1, when started the accounts, started the WSFA press accounts with \$10,000 with the idea that each year at the end, any over \$10,000 would revert back to the main WSFA account. Sam L. suggested this should be set as a set of rules. Gayle suggested a system of best practices. Paul said Capclave and WSFA press are intertwined. Mike said WSFA Press each year turned in a bigger surplus that Capclave has. That was a reason for doing a book this year even though Capclave guests had nothing. Boskone does the same thing with a NESFA press guest. Paul said WSFA press guest was chosen by the Capclave chair. Bill said, it was in discussion Mike said you want continuity in press. Barry said then should they be called special guest. Bill said didn't signify a special name, but are publishing Genevieve's book. Barry said Capclave chair can call it what he or she wants. Sam S. said it would be meaningless Bob said it is easy to pick it out. We're not that big an organization. Bill said it would create a precedent. Idea of finding someone to do a book. Sam L. said having a WSFA Press guest puts an extra advertising for WSFA Press. Bill said, when a non-surplus, let this be noted.

No first, second, third timers. Anyone who hasn't paid dues.

Announcements: Boxes of books. Rescue books.

Meeting unanimously adjourned 10:15

### **Third Friday February 21, 2014**

Attendance: Carolyn Frank Erica Ginter, Michael Ikeda, Bill Jensen, Bill Lawhorn, Sam Lubell, Bob Macintosh, Candy & John Madigan, Sarah Mitchell, Barry & Judy & Merridel Newton, Shirl Phelps, Steve Smith, Mike Taylor, Elizabeth Twitchell, Michael Walsh, Ivy Yap, Madeleine Yeh, Randy Zicht, Rodger Burns, Frances Holland, and Jensen Toperzer.

Meeting commenced at 21:19.

Prez Barry asked if we have a quorum. Bob said we have enough for quorum.

Trustees need people to run for office.

Sam L. has Maryland tax forms stuff.

First Friday and Third Friday will be swapped for March, April, and May because of John's

chemotherapy.

Committees etc.: WSFA press not here, website not here. Twitter is here. Reached 1,000 tweets. The twits are the tweeters. Facebook wise people posting. Elizabeth needs to check Meetup. Small Press - Carolyn said 17 stories posted, another 6 to look at. Slower than last year. Need to convince people to send stories. Carolyn said anyone here can nominate a story. Capclave present is here. Nothing to report. Sam L. announced guests, Gordon Van Gelder and Alastair Reynolds. Will talk about a book. Columbus day weekend.

Sam L read the abbreviated minutes. Don't need to vote on the \$25 for the Capclave name. Madeleine made a joke about \$333 for the WSFA small press award so not evil. No one new here. Motion to stop the Polar vortex by Bill seconded, people said but it is killing the stink bugs. Motion passed. Elizabeth blamed but not back to Chicago in a year and a half.

Bill said the first Friday in November is up against World Fantasy and Third Fri in July is up against the NASFiC.

Announcements: Erica announced bags of fabric and trim. Free for the taking. Is working on her wedding album. Brian said Jack Chalker has a story in a new book. Should be listed in the Internet's science fiction database. Mike has box of books and a bag of books including a Dr. Who by Alastair Reynolds. Meeting unanimously adjourned 21:23