

WSFA JOURNAL

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First Friday March 3/4/16

Attendance: Ken Byrer, Courtni Burleson, Cathy Green, Frances Holland, Judy Kindell, Bill Lawhorn, Sam Lubell, Bob MacIntosh, Sarah Mitchell, Barry Newton, Kathi Overton, Mark Roth, Judy Scheiner, Sam Scheiner, Elizabeth Twitchell, Michael Walsh, Ivy Yap, Madeleine, Yeh

Meeting called to order at 9:15pm by President Bob MacIntosh. Minutes from last meeting read. Treasurer report indicated we have money, we're down a little in the year over year, but nothing worrisome.

Capclave Present and future were not present. Current Capclave registration is up to 90.

Trustees are in the process of putting their slate together.

Bill Lawhorn spoke about plans for WFC 2018 and announced that there will be a meeting at 7:30pm before first friday in April to begin planning for Capclave 2020. Social media - dodos tweeted about parties at and photos from Mysticon.

WSFA Press was not present. Books are selling. Quite a lot of books were sold at Mysticon and 12 of the trade hardcover Skin Trades were signed by GRRM.

WSFA Small Press Awards submission are up to 49 stories.

Committee to Actually Discuss SF/F will talk about possible Hugo nominations.

Bylaw committee is working on it.

Entertivities - NOVA Teen Book Festival at Washington & Lee High School near the central branch of the Arlington Library and at the library itself.

April 8 at UMd College Park 1-4pm Ken Liu will be giving a talk and will be at the Library of Congress prior to the UMd event.

Old Business - WSFA participation at the Science and Engineering conference at the Walter E Washington Convention Center April 15-17. WSFA and BWAWA will be participating but BSFS is taking the lead because they have better insurance.

No new business.

One person here for his first meeting - Thomas Woldring. Found us via google.

Secretary and Host made the usual announcements.

Announcements:

Barry Newton noted that there was one more day for \$50 off the newer Nooks.

Kathi Overton discussed upcoming events at the Arlington Planetarium. There will be a panel on Sunday March 20th featuring Tom Doyle, Ed Lerner and Sarah Pinsker.

Elizabeth Twitchell noted that the trailer for the new Ghostbusters was up on the web.

Michael Walsh was selling books.

Meeting adjourned at 9:51pm.

Third Friday March 3/18/16

Attendance: Drew Bittner, Courtni Y. Burleson, Carolyn Frank, Paul Haggerty, Frances Holland, Sam Hogan, Michael Ikeda, Bill Lawhorn, Sam Lubell, Sam Lubell, Bob Macintosh, Candy Madigan, Sarah Mitchell, Barry & Judy Newton, Steve Smith, Elizabeth Twitchell, Ivy Yap, Madeleine Yeh, and Deidre Tracy.

Bob said let's get this show on the road at 9:17. Sam L. read Cathy's minutes.

Barry Newton said Trustees are working on the slate. If want to volunteer for small press award or Capclave 2018 see trustees.

Paul for Capclave present, present. Hotel reg link is up online, can book now, but if use AARP or AAA you can get a discount on the rate. Sam L. said it still counts for our room block. Paul said this happens every year. Hotels are bizarre.

Programming is getting started, we're sending to ask people if they are interested. We have a link online for programming suggestions. We can't guarantee anything but if you don't let us know.... Bill suggested dodo burlesque. Paul has rack cards and bookmarks.

Elizabeth for Capclave Future. 1 GoH has been invited, can't announce yet but will be awesome.

WFC/Capclave 2020 Bill said bringing in Guns and Roses. Agreement with BSFS and WSFA is $\frac{3}{4}$ signed. Should be finalized this weekend. Things will kick off after Balticon. Still assembling people. Will have a good time. Capclave 2020, will have a first meeting to discuss ideas before first Friday next meeting. With the current maybe from GRRM, we need a bigger venue or something expandable. Hopefully Elizabeth's guest will be able to make it for 2020. Other big thing is to remember that announced months ago that WSFA will be able to nominate and vote for one guest of honor. Bill will choose one. We're doing WFC so we can fund as many guests we've already had to come back. We will need to search for a hotel. Safe to assume 1,000-1,500 people so we need to find a reasonably priced

hotel willing to work with us. New venue, bigger group and ability to do more things. Meeting April 1st no fooling.

Small Press Award, Carolyn said 54 stories at the moment, no stories in the last week. Wondering how many will get in the last week. Elizabeth asked about deadline. End of the month. Last year had 180 stories.

WSFA Press, Paul said made some sales, things did not work out so will not have a book this year. Elizabeth said, suspect will be happy with her GoH. Tim Powers' life work is locked up by Subterranean. Bundles of past books are available.

Website: Paul said Facebook 346 and Capclave 154 members. Cathy sent a bunch of journals and are in the process of putting them up. Unfortunately, some Journals were lost in Cathy's computer crash. WSFA blog last updated Jan 15th of this year.

Capclave blog today. We are in desperate need of content. Send it to webmaster@wsfa.org. All officers are welcome to have their own accounts to post. Elizabeth said four people liked the picture of cat taking over.

Barry suggested that the WSFA Journal be emailed to the WSFA Forum. Elizabeth said Yahoo is not the best platform for a mailing list. Google groups are easier.

And then we can get everyone in the club to the new list.

Bylaw committee said Cathy is going through the paper files. Steve said he has some old WSFA paper going back to 1956. Steve invited people to go through his files. Sam suggested that we see what holes there are in our records.

Committee to discuss SF will discuss what people want to nominate for the Hugo. Intertivities-The Alington Planetarium SF weekend is this weekend.

Old Business-Science and Engineering Conference. Check for magazines.

New business: Elizabeth asked about replacing yahoo forum with a google forum. Barry asked about the failings of the current system. Bob said some people can't access it from heir current list.

Cortney said not the best platform for record retention.

Bob said Elizabeth should look into this and replace back. Elizabeth said a benefit is that can have a file section reserved for members.

There will be a Fifth Friday in April. Bob said, people can think about it.

First meeting introduction – Deidre, moved to Maryland last August but travelling. Found us on Meetup.com. No background on most of what we discussed.

Announcements: Paul announced that Barry brought to attention about email bounceback. If you receive anything from Capclave with a .zip file burn it unseen. Forging email is trivial.

Elizabeth said WSFA Facebook page has the saga of the cat de'etete with pictures Meeting adjured unanimously at 9:57.

Drew Bittner paid membership.

First Friday April 4/1/16

Attendance: Ken Byrer, Courtni Burseson, Rodger Burns, Cathy Green, Paul Haggerty, Bill Lawhorn, Sam Lubell, Bob MacIntosh, Candy Madigan, Eugenia Martin, Sarah Mitchell, Michael Nelson, Barry Newton, Judy Newton, Aaron Pound, Angela Pound, Mark Roth, Judy Scheiner, Sam Scheiner, George Shaner, Gayle Surette, Elizabeth Twitchell, Michael Walsh, Ivy Yap, Madeleine Yeh, Nancy W., Tom Doyle

Meeting called to order by Bob MacIntosh at 9:10pm.

Minutes of previous meeting were read. Treasurer reported that we have over \$35,000 and reminded folks that you need to be a paid up member to vote in the elections next month.

Capclave Present - Nothing to report. Will check with Mike Nelson but anticipating end of August for advertising deadline for program book. 97 prereg. Encourage your friends to buy memberships. Bookmarks and rack cards are available.

Capclave Future will be at the Gaithersburg Hilton and the author GOH will be Ken Liu!

Trustees election slate:

President - Bob MacIntosh

VP George Shaner

Treasurer Sam Scheinet

Secretary Sam Lubell

Trustees Barry Newton, Mike Walsh, Mark Roth

Small Press Award Sarah Mitchell, Cathy Green

Capclave 2018 Cathy Green

Motion was made, seconded and passed with one abstention for Capclave 2020 Chair to be Bill Lawhorn and for it to be added to the slate now because 2020 will require more than one year to plan.

WFC2018/Capclave 2020 - had meeting prior to WSFA meeting. Ideas were discussed. WFC 2018 has added staff specifically to help with social media and the mass autographing event.

WSFA social media - webmaster has all the back editions of the journal that the secretary sent him, it will take time to put them up. Twitter feed just added a couple followers and got retweeted a bunch as Sarah tweeted the Ken Liu announcement in real time.

WSFA Press has sold some books. Also, the issue of discounting the backlist (at least those that have already hit break even) at Balticon.

Committee to Actually Discuss SF will discuss F&SF next month. This meeting we'll just be listening to Tom Doyle read from his latest book.

Entertivities - Tom Doyle reading after the meeting. Ken Liu will be at LOC and UMD April 8.

Old Business - STEM conference April 15-17. BSFS sponsoring the table we got from SFWA because they have the better insurance. We need people to sign up to staff the table.

There's a Fifth Friday, does anyone want to host? *crickets*

New Business:

Paul moved that our share of the surplus from WFC 2018 be used to fund Capclave 2020 and other appropriate ventures. Motion unanimously approved.

Mike Walsh proposed we pay \$1500 to BSFS to sponsor John Varley for Balticon50. Motion got tabled to Third Friday because several people had issues and wanted vigorous debate and that would take too much time.

Nancy W was present for her first meeting.

Secretary and Host made their usual announcements. Elizabeth Twitchell announced we already had 19 likes for the Ken Liu announcement on Facebook.

George Shaner noted he had 25 years of service at the National Archives. Mike Walsh has books for sale.

Meeting unanimously adjourned at 9:54pm as everyone went to get food/take a bathroom break before the Tom Doyle reading. It was noted that since this was Tom's third reading and thus 3rd meeting, he could join WSFA if he wanted.

Third Friday Meeting

Attendance: Rodger Burns, Carolyn Frank, Cathy Green, Kimberly Hargan, Frances Holland, Bill Lawhorn, Sam Lubell, Bob MacIntosh, Candy Madigan, Sarah Mitchell, Shirl Phelps, Mike Taylor, Michael Walsh, Ivy Yap, Madeleine Yeh, Robert Thomas, Deirdre Tracy

Meeting called to order by Bob at 9:15pm.

Mike Walsh on behalf of the trustees read the slate again:

President - Bob MacIntosh

VP George Shaner

Treasurer Sam Scheinet

Secretary Sam Lubell

Trustees Barry Newton, Mike Walsh, Mark Roth

Small Press Award Sarah Mitchell, Cathy Green

Capclave 2018 Cathy Green

Capclave 2020 Bill Lawhorn

Election is next meeting.

Capclave present wasn't. Neither was Capclave Future, although Bill Lawhorn spoke with Ken Liu after the UMD talk and Ken Liu will have 2 hours at Capclave 2017 to give his full presentation on translation.

WFC 2018 and Capclave 2020. WFC 2018 is currently on hold until after Balticon.

WSFA Press - no book this year.

WSFA Small Press Award - 80 stories this year

Committee to look at the Constitution is still looking.

Entertivities - STEM Festival is this weekend, need more volunteers for the table.

Committee to Actually Discuss SF - next meeting will discuss April/May Asimov's

Social Media - twitter is advertising the party at Ravencon.

Old Business - 5th friday - no one has volunteered to host.

Deferred from last meeting - Mike Walsh wants the club to sponsor John Varley to the tune of \$1500. There was vigorous debate. A number of people had issues.

People presented both the pro and con arguments. Pro involved good will and possible publicity over and above what we usually get with Balticon and ad swaps and fan tables. BSFS and WSFA have collaborated on things in the past and will continue to do so. Anti - it is not a tiny amount of money, it is the equivalent of 3 years worth of the prize for the WSFA Small Press Award, we have our own very expensive convention coming up and there was concern that BSFS wouldn't reciprocate when the time came. Concern was also expressed about how BSFS was managing its money and planning this convention. A vote was taken and 8 people voted yes, 2 voted no and 5 abstained.

STEM conference - Sam L. went over who had already volunteered and asked for more volunteers to sign up.

New business: Cathy proposed that if John Varley is unable to come and Nora won't give the money back, that we roll it over to sponsoring Martin and Shirley, who have been very active in local fandom and have helped WSFA out in the past (e.g. 2003 WFC art show and the Steve Stiles exhibit at Capclave 2013). Motion passed.

People here for their first meeting - Robert Thomas - from NE PA, now with Shirl. 2d meeting - Nancy Wolfson and Deirdre Tracy.

Announcements - Usual secretary and host announcements. Kim Hargan mentioned Smithsonian event with William Shatner. Sam L. mentioned Balticon and the Museum of SF event Escape Velocity. Bill L. mentioned the parties at Ravencon. Mike Walsh is selling book. Also, he had floaters and went into some detail about what caused them, but I didn't write that bit down because

secretary was too busy going "lalala I can't hear you"

Meeting adjourned at 10:15.