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First Friday January Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Cathy Green, Ann Rudolph, Rodger Burns, Aaron Pound, Angela Pound, Sophie Pound, Jim Thomas, Madeleine Yeh, Sam Lubell, Bob MacIntosh, Carolyn Frank, Alex Rosen, Michael Ikeda, Gayle Surette, Bill Lawhorn, Allison Brown, Courtni Burleson, Frances Holland, Sarah Mitchell, Judy Newton, Perrienne Lurie, Paul Haggerty, Kim Hargan, m2003?

Meeting called to order by Pres. Bob MacIntosh at 9:16pm
Aaron Pound read the minutes of the previous meeting.

Capclave Present: Convention season is kicking off. Cathy Green at Arisia, Bill Lawhorn and Sarah Mitchell at Convivial. Capclave present still has staff positions to fill, please volunteer. Will be having lunch at our hotel on Friday January 26 so we can walk through function space and think about space allocation/function room allocation.

Capclave Future: Talked to Colette re: hotel and is following up with her.

WSFA Small Press Award: admin Carolyn Frank reported that the first submission came in at 11:45pm on January 2. Angela made a form to collect the information we need, which makes things much easier for Carolyn as admin, although some people have filled out the form and forgotten to attach the story.

Committee to Actually Discuss SF: Will meet in zoom breakout room to discuss Nov/Dec Asimov's. 3rd Friday will discuss Dec. Lightspeed. 1st Friday February will discuss Nov/Dec F&SF; 3rd Friday February will discuss Feb Clarkesworld.

WSFA Press/websites – Gayle and Paul had nothing to report.

Entertivities: Perianne said Miyazaki's The Boy and the Heron is in movie theaters and is very good. Also recommended Poor Things. Kim Hargan recommended the current issue of Analog for the science articles.

Old business: tabled things stayed tabled. No new business.

Announcements: Secretary had 1st announcement – WSFA Journal needs content. Perianne said GCOM's Games with Trains at the B&O Train Museum is January 20th.

<https://www.gamesclubofmd.org/gameswithtrains.asp>

Angela has completed her MS in Mathematics!!!! She is also reviving her math tutoring business.

Evanston public library is doing a virtual talk on Thursday January 11th 8pm "Our AI Future" with Cory Doctorow, Martha Wells and Ken Liu.

Sam Lubell - BSFS book club meets 4th Saturday online and at the BSFS Building 7:30pm. This month it is The Winter's Tale by Mark Helperin. Zoom link on BSFS page.

Meeting adjourned at 9:44pm

Third Friday January Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Madeleine Yeh, Cathy Green, Elizabeth Twitchell, Aaron Pound, Angela Pound, Sophie Pound, Sam Lubell, Mark Roth, Perianne Lurie, Michael Ikeda, Carolyn Frank, Bob MacIntosh, Gayle Surette, Rodger Burns, Allison Brown, Kim Hargan, Apurva Desai, Frances Holland, Paul Haggerty, Sam Scheiner, Judy Kindell, Michael Taylor, Judy Newton

Meeting called to order at 9:15pm by President Bob MacIntosh

Treasurer Report: reminder to pay dues. Payable to capclave [at] yahoo [dot] com paypal. Or you can send a check or you can call and give him your credit card number over the phone and he'll run it on square. 2 years ago he set up the cd ladder. We now have 60k in cds and the first one is just about to roll over. We're getting decent interest. Total funds are just shy of 87k.

Capclave present: Convivial convention went well. We're meeting at the hotel Friday January 26 at noon to think about function room allocation and have lunch.

Capclave Future: received message from Colette that hotel has begun its renovations and her contact will talk to the GM and then get back to her about 2025. She's following up this coming Thursday.

Committee to Actually Discuss SF: Today we'll be reading the December 2023 Lightspeed. First Friday Feb. will read Nov/Dec F&SF; third Friday Feb. will read Feb. Clarkesworld.

WSFA Small Press Award: admin Carolyn Frank reported has received 72 stories so far. 70 of them have been anonymized and put up for the committee to read. Approx. 40% are SF so far.

WSFA websites and WSFA Press: nothing to report other than potential book is looking less likely given the timeline.

Entertivities: Games with Trains is now in March (snow postponement)

Old Business: next meeting will be all virtual. 3rd Friday will be hybrid. Elizabeth Twitchell raised the issue of adjusting the meeting times and dates noting that people who responded to the survey indicated they wanted to start the meetings earlier. Discussion was held re: convenience of the hosts, travel issues, member preferences. Motion was made by Sam Scheiner to change meeting start time to 8:15pm. Paul H. noted we'd be setting the social time earlier as well. Motion carried. Meetings will start at 8:15pm starting in March.

New business: Sam Lubell said that with the new schedule should he start inviting authors to do readings as head of the committee to discuss SF. Cathy mentioned that in the past Bill Lawhorn had handled author reading invites.

Announcements: Secretary made the usual announcement. Judy Newton announced she was attending the meeting from Playa del Carmen in Mexico where she and Meridel were enjoying the sun and visiting her nephew. Sam Lubell said BSFS Book Club will be reading Winter's Tale by Mark Helperin at the end of the month.

Meeting adjourned at 9:49pm

First Friday February

Start at 9:16 PM

Previous minutes read

Treasurer: Reminder to pay dues, which are \$25. Can send electronically, send check, or run credit card over the phone. Funds - just about \$87K, about \$1K more year over year.

Capclave Present: 8 met at Capclave hotel last Friday. Walked through space, making determinations on locations of items. Some people will be at Farpoint next weekend (9th-11th).

Capclave Future: Needs Collette's phone number - Rogers will get it to Sam. Have not heard anything from the hotel. In the walkthrough it is clear they are doing renovations. Function space remodel will be done by Spring of 2025, rooms will take longer but should still have enough to accommodate Capclave.

Trustees: Need to come up with a slate for April so we can have voting on the first Friday in May.

Committee to Discuss SF: Will discuss Nov/Dec issue of Magazine of F&SF. Note that Jan/Feb is delayed by a month. Next meeting will discuss current issue of Clarkesworld. 1st Friday in March will do Jan/Feb of Asimov's.

Website/WSFA Press: Shiree has more questions, sent her contract. Up to 105 stories for Small Press Award, but still have 25 left to post.

WSFA Small Press Award: By end of January had 102 stories (last year had 115 by then). Up to 105 stories now. About half from online periodicals and half from anthologies. Quality of stories is a step up

from last year - more SF, no cats, dragons but no vampires. Have had 14 new small presses that we have had to vet.

Old Business: Reminder that starting in March, meetings will start at 8:15.

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

Intertivities: Perianne - games with trains is at beginning of March and game days at end of March. Oscar nominations are out so theaters will have short nominees later this month. Virtuoucon will be later this month online. Alison Brown - Balticon 59 is having trouble finding an artist guest of honor. Sam Lubell - reminder that Hugo nominations are open.

No new people.

Announcements: Secretary announcement. Sam Lubell - BSFS book club will discuss Anne Leckie's Translation State on 4th Saturday of the Month at 7:30 PM in the BSFS building in Baltimore and online.

End at 9:45.

Third Friday February

Meeting Start 9:15

Minutes were read.

Treasurer: Pay your dues. About 30 people have paid thus far. Can pay by Paypal or mail a check or can call and run a credit card over the phone. Can e-mail question to Treasurer@WSFA.org.

Capclave Present: Having computer problems. No report.

Capclave Future: Heard from Colette, no news. We still have an agreement with the hotel on the date - probably September 19- 21, 2025.

Committee to Discuss SF: Will discuss current issue of Clarkesworld. March First Friday will discuss Jan/Feb Asimov's. March Third Friday - February issue of Lightspeed. April First Friday will do Jan/Feb issue of F&SF.

Small Press Award: More than 140 stories, about the same as last year. About half are SF, starting to get a lot of horror. Getting lots of military SF. One novel submitted. People are more or less otherwise following the submission guidelines.

Website/Small Press: All stories given to them by WSFA Small Press Award are online.

Trustees: Need to work on slate for April so we can have elections in May.

Intertivities: Perianne - games with trains is at the beginning of March, game days are at the beginning of April.

Old Business: Starting in March, meetings start at 8:15. Have a 5th Friday in March if anyone wants to host an event.

New Business: None.

No new people.

Announcements: Secretary announcement. Mark - new book comes out on February 27. Sam - Compton Crook finalists are announced. BSFS Book Club will discuss Translation State by Ann Leckie on 4th Saturday of February at BFSF clubhouse and online. Eva - at Games and Stuff tomorrow will be a meet and greet with author of Dave Chalker Thunder Road: Vendetta, and Well World anthology has been announced to come out at the end of March.

End at 9:36.