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JULY FIRST FRIDAY MINUTES

Attendance: Mike Taylor, Bob MacIntosh, Cathy Green, Aaron Pound, Sophie Pound, Angela Pound, Sam Lubell, Perianne Lurie, Jim Thomas, Mark Roth, Rodger Burns, Paul Haggerty, Gayle Surrette, Michael Ikeda, ZenLizard, Kim Hargan, Madeleine Yeh, Sam Scheiner, Claire, Sarah Mitchell, Carolyn Frank, Elizabeth Twitchell, Donna Royston

Meeting called to order at 8:15.

Minutes of previous meeting read.

Treasurer announced we had \$88.5K across various accounts.

Capclave present: we need people for the fan table at Risucon August 17th and 18th at the White Flint Marriott and convention center. Perianne might be available on the 17th.

Capclave Future: met with Colette at the 4th of July picnic, hotel negotiations continue.

Capclave Far Future: watching Capclave future's hotel negotiations. Dates and location will be decided in part by outcome of Capclave Future's hotel negotiations and the Jewish holiday calendar.

Committee to actually discuss SF will discuss the various Hugo finalist series, related works, Lodestar. 3rd Friday will discuss WSFA Small Press Award finalist stories. First Friday August will read Asimov's.

Nothing for Entertivities.

Websites, WSFA Press Books had nothing to report.

Trustees had nothing to report.

No old business.

New Business: Sam Lubell proposed having an in person book club meeting in the evening or weekend at restaurants. He wanted to start with the first volume of the Dungeon Crawler Carl series (by this year's Capclave GOH).

Various WSFAns indicated that if they lived in MD they didn't want to go the VA on a weeknight and several people didn't want it in person at all. No other new business.

Announcements: Secretary made usual announcement. Perrienne said she was only an alternate, but she could invite people to the PSFS zoom next Wednesday to discuss the Hugo finalists. Sam Lubell reminded people that the BSFS Book Club meets fourth Saturday (July 29) in person at the BSFS building and on zoom at 7:30pm and will be doing Some Desparate Glory. ZenLizard let people know that Shapeways had filed for bankruptcy, had no staff and was just a zombie website. Mark Roth asked people to buy his book. Elizabeth Twitchell warned people that kindle ads are now virtually all AI generated books.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm

JULY THIRD FRIDAY MINUTES

Attendance: Alex Rosen, Cathy Green, Jim Thomas, Sam Lubell, Bob MacIntosh, Ellen Montgomery, Mark Roth, Perianne Lurie, carolyn frank, Rodger Burns, Paul Haggerty, Gayle Surette, Sam and Judy Scheiner, David Keener, Bill Lawhorn, Michael Ikeda, Sarah Mitchell, Kim Hargan, Frances Holland, Judy Kindell, Judy Newton, Greg Key, Michael Taylot, Kathi Overton

Meeting called to order at 8:15pm

Secretary read minutes of previous meeting.

Treasurer reminded people to send in their dues.

Capclave present: recovering from second shingles shot. Thanked Cathy Green and Courtni Burleson for helping out at the fan table at BlerDCon. Discussion was held about retention of new members from one Capclave to the next.

Capclave Future: Contract negotiations have continued. At this point we've gotten them as far down as possible and allegedly we'd be charged twice as

much if we weren't a legacy customer due to the renovations. Given that the offer we got from the Gaithersburg Doubletree was ridiculously high (probably also due to major renovations), if we can get a two year deal, we should sign it. Treasurer agreed.

Capclave Far Future also agreed and noted he'd need a date in beginning or middle of October since September 2026 is chock full of important Jewish holidays.

Trustees report: We're going to need someone to take over as Treasurer when Sam Scheiner retired and he and Judy leave the area to be closer to their daughter.

Committee to Actually Discuss Science Fiction: Will discuss WSFA Small Press Award finalists in a breakout room after the meeting. In August will discuss May June Asimov's and Clarkesworld. First Friday September will discuss July August Asimovs

Websites and WSFA Press: Gayle and Paul had nothing to report and reminded people that if you want content to appear on any of the websites, you need to email them directly.

Entertivities: Perianne Lurie recommended a new Apple TV+ series called Sunny starring Rashida Jones. Carolyn Frank noted that Capitol Fringe was still going on this weekend and some of the plays were SFish. Someone mentioned Otakon on August 1-3. Rodger Burns said that it's the 70th anniversary of Kurasawa's Seven Samurai and the 4K restoration will be playing at the Angelika Fairfax next weekend, 2911 District Ave, Fairfax, VA 22031.

No old business.

New business: Perianne noted that someone in the zoom chat had mentioned trying to have a wsfa meet up at the Glasgow Worldcon. It was decided that should be organized/attempted via the ewsfa list.

No one was there for their first second or third meeting.

Announcements: secretary made usual announcement.

Perianne discussed the results of the PSFS panel on the Hugo finalists and said she had written up the results and sent them to the secretary in case we wanted to publish them in the wsfa journal.

Judy Newton said (1) her daughter Meridel had published enough to qualify to join SFWA and had done so and (2) After the worldcon she and Meridel are going to edinburgh for Fringe and the Book Fair

Meeting adjourned at 9:20pm

FIRST FRIDAY AUGUST MINUTES

Secretary did not take the first friday August minutes due to being on a coach tour of Scotland before Glasgow Worldcon. No one provided her with minutes.

AUGUST 3RD FRIDAY 2024

Minutes taken by Carolyn Frank due to Secretary touring Scotland and backup secretary also not being available.

Meeting started at 8:16 PM by Bob MacIntosh

Roger turned on recording, and made Carolyn Frank Host as he is in Seattle

Secretary report: waived as no one here

Treasurer report: nothing to say

Capclave treasurer: registrations are up and ahead of usual pace at this time

Capclave present: in Wisconsin

Capclave future: Bob M reported that Sam Lubell announced guests on WSFA list and announced signed contract

Capclave far future: nothing to report

WSFA press: nothing to report

WSFA Talk About SF (Kim): tonite Clarkesworld August issue, 1st Friday in September Asimov's

Entertivities: Gayle talked about "If" on either Netflix or Prime, pretty good; Sam Schiener watched 4th season of "Umbrella Academy", a bit disjointed but did end.

Roger: if you were a member of Glasgow Worldcon, 200 hours of video available until end of year maybe, probably end of September.

Perrienne: "Time Bandits" on Apple TV is pretty good, "Decameron" on Netflix is pretty good.

Old Business: none

New Business: crickets

Announcements: none, no secretary announcement as no real secretary at meeting

Perrienne moved to adjourn; motion seconded

Adjourned at 8:26 pm