

WiS Meeting Minutes for October 9, 2021

Meeting Time: 10:00 am to 01:00 pm

Meeting Place: - Zoom

Chair: Barbara Gilchrist-Feyl

Minute taker: Andrea

Attendees: Jim, Erica, Jadi, Barbara, Katharine, Andrea, Dan, Hannah

Prompt:

By Barbara: "Write about an experience you have had of 'being left behind' (i.e., physically, psychologically etc. or having had to leave behind an idea)."

The following writers shared their prompts: Andrea, Jadi, Katharine, Erica, Barbara, Jim

Readings critiqued:

#1: new member Dan: "Halla's lie" (the possibly second chapter to a longer piece of work:

Told from the point-of-view of a novice in a Christian sisters' convent.

#2: Erica: "Tales of careless parenting" (Nanny Minnie, Nanny Alice, Mom & Dad)

General Discussion:

Business:

#1: Treasurer:

Cindy wants to step down from her job as treasurer. The group truly appreciates and would like to thank Cindy for her responsible way of having been doing this job for several years now.

Jim volunteers as an interim treasurer, arguing it is only the tenth of the amount of work that he has being the webmaster.

Barbara appreciates his offer but would prefer if another member decided to do this job so as to distribute responsibilities among all members of the Writers in Stuttgart more evenly.

#2: The next public reading at the Merlin on January 10th, 2021 - Topic: "Shadow & Light"

Jadi reports that Charles Urban has invited the Writers in Stuttgart back for our annual Dark Monday reading at the Merlin.

This will be a 3G event (vaccinated / healed / tested).

Everyone in the audience will have to wear a mask throughout the complete event.

Jadi reports that Charles had offered N.E.A.T. actors/actresses would be able to read stories written by the Writers in Stuttgart for any writer/s that might feel uncomfortable presenting their own writing at a 3G event.

The following writers are interested in reading:

- 1) Jadi
- 2) Andrea
- 3) Erica
- 4) Hannah
- 5) Barbara (?)
- 6) Jim (?)
- 7) Dan (?)

→ All WiSsers present at today's meeting agreed that more readers are able to decide to join by the next monthly meeting on November 13th, 2021.

→ Rehearsals: All WiSsers present today decide that the **Write-ins** will be used for critiquing as well as practicing for the January reading.

→ MC: Andrea volunteers to MC (introduction & closing words) while each reader will introduce & welcome the following reader to the stage.

→ Music: Erica agrees to ask N.E.A.T. musicians to cooperate with us for the January reading and will get back to the group with details (including costs) at the November meeting.

→ Merlin / Charles Urban: Jadi agrees to continue to be in touch with Charles about where in Merlin we can read (the back stage has more space than the front stage; masks would only have to be worn by the audience; not by individuals standing on the stage alone).

#3: Group membership requirements starting in January 2022:

→ The members present at today's meeting agree on a minimum requirement for being an active member of the Writers in Stuttgart:

- a. Chair one monthly meeting per year
- b. Take minutes at one monthly meeting per year
- c. Attend at least four monthly meetings per year.

#4: Meeting dates for 2022:

→ The members present today agree that the monthly meeting dates for January through July 2022 should be set at the monthly meeting in November.

→ Andrea agrees to make suggestions at the November meeting. Before writing today's minutes she has already come up with the following suggestions:

January 8, February 12, March 12, April 9, May 7, June 25 (because of the Whitsun school holidays are starting on June 4), and July 9 or 16.

#5: Website issues (info by webmaster Jim):

- a. The website is secure.
- b. Jim is using the website blocking software that costs 10€ per month. It is the best quality that can be had for this price. More safety requires more expensive software (around 100€ a month).
- c. The internet: Whitelist the Writersinstuttgart website for your provider to be able to access the website without any further trouble.

And yet, Barbara insists that we need a duplicate to get on the website via e-mail link (one that Ayo sent around several months ago).

#6: Reminder of upcoming dates:

October 30: Next Write-In.

November 13: Next monthly meeting.

Meeting ended: 1:00 on time