

WiS Meeting Minutes for September 18, 2021

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

Meeting Place: - Zoom

Chairman: - Cindy

Minute takers: - Andrea

Attendees: Erica, Barbara, Jim, Jadi, Cindy, Andrea, Danielle, Katharine

Prompt: Barbara explains the writing prompt (25 minutes)

“O would some power the gift to give us to see ourselves as others see us.” (Robert Burns)

First, write how you see yourself.

Write from the point of view of two other people how they would describe you.

Writers who share their prompt results:

Jim, Jadi, Cindy, Barbara, Erica, Andrea, Danielle, Katharine

Readings critiqued:

- **Jadi:** working title “Love and Sex / Longing and Memory” characters: Jo (short f or Josefina), “Oma”, “Großtante Eva”
 - people are in waiting rooms to die
- **Cindy:** “**Tapetenwechsel**” **literally to change wallpaper**
 - possibly travel writing?
 - more an essay like travel log?
 - essayistic thoughts on where people move away from for a better life (cultural vision):
 - going there to find romance whereas your neighbors left for a better future
 - Jadi suggests to replace the word “Mahnmal” by monument rather than memorial
- Erica & Barbara should get a preference to read their work for critique

General Discussion:

Barbara: Less is more - What we are doing right now is not working

Jadi: use the theme for October moved to January

Business:

- Jim will contact Hostmaster service to find out about the website issues (insecure website; e-mails don't go through)
- Cindy is stepping down as treasurer at the end of the year. **We need a new volunteer to be treasurer before January 2022.**
- Writers in Stuttgart need a new treasurer starting in January of 2022
- Barbara wanted to organize the reading only together with a committee but nobody volunteered to help her.
- Barbara thinks we should have a revolving chair (as we do right now), a revolving minute taker and a revolving treasurer
- Danielle volunteers to do the technical stuff for the online reading in October 2021, if there is one.
- Cindy asks Jim to add a second column on who is taking the minutes for the next couple
- of meetings this should be on the website, too
- October 2021: Barbara chairs, Andrea takes minutes
- November 2021: Danielle chairs, Jadi takes minutes

- December 2021: Jim chairs, Erica takes the minutes - Katharine is backup
- Barbara thinks whoever agrees to take over a responsibility must do it
- Barbara: the October 15 th reading will be canceled
- Cindy, Barbara and Andrea think the Writers in Stuttgart should start thinking about
- whether or not we want to do the Dark Monday reading in January 2022
- Barbara: Committee to organize the reading. Since she was responsible for doing the organizing and has not gotten any help, the october reading has been moved to January.

Meeting ended: 1:00 on time