

MINUTES FOR WIS MONTHLY MEETING 4. DECEMBER, 2021

Meeting time: 10am to 1pm

Place: Zoom

Chair: Jim

Minutes: Erica

Posting on the Website: Jim

Attendees: Cindy, Barbara, Andrea, Jadi, Erica, Jim, Katharine (Danielle was there at the beginning for a few minutes and during the last ½ hour, Irene joined us).

First order of business while Danielle (who had to leave) is still here: We voted to accept Merlin's proposal to move the next reading from Monday, 10. January to Monday, 17. January.

Part I: Prompt offered by Barbara

Quote: "Write the tale that scares you, the one that makes you feel uncertain, that isn't comfortable. I dare you." – Michaela Cole

Prompt: Releasing resolutions can be as important as reaching them. Write a reflection on a resolution you didn't keep. (20 minutes)

All writers present read their prompts. Barbara will send her prompt/poem to Erica to be included in the minutes.*

- 15 minute break -

Part II: Writing critiques:

Katharine - poem - title: "Another Sky Poem"

Andrea - story - "The Woman Who Lost Her Face"

Erica - story - "Your Life is in Danger"

III: Business

1. Does anyone have programs from the past, before Jim's website was established? If so, please send these to him.
2. Vote to move reading from Monday Jan. 10th to Monday, Jan. 17th.
3. Those reading on Dark Monday, Jan. 17th include: Cindy, Erica, Jim, Katharine, Andrea, Jadi, Danielle and Barbara.
4. Florian: Erica will keep in touch with Florian and ask him first if you can make 17 January, and secondly if he can, we will notify him with the reading order (the lineup) and a bit about the content of each piece. Finally, we will offer to pay him €25 and ask him to email Jadi a short bio.
5. The program for the Reading – if we are filmed, Charles will make a screenshot of the program. If we are live (not yet decided).
6. Rehearsal schedule:
 - December 18 Saturday on zoom at 10am (write-in). Before this, send Jadi updated bios, title of your piece, and we will decide the line-up at this meeting.
 - January 7. Friday at 7 PM (on Zoom)
 - January 15. After regular monthly meeting and the line-up.

Jim requested that all members sign up for chairing and minutes-taking for the coming year. Jadi will chair the January 15th meeting and Jim will take minutes. Irene volunteered to chair the March meeting and to take minutes at the April meeting. Barbara volunteered to chair the October, 2022 meeting. The rest will post their sign-ups in members comments. (Jim will move members news out of the way and call it something else, so there will be no more confusion between them).

Meeting concluded at 1pm.

Barbara's prompt/poem:

releasing resolutions

it's time to unspool

to call into question the unquestionables

like, is god dead or is she just busy

did she build us strong or did she raise us not to bother her with our
weakness

as life's door continues to swing from magic to tragic

I promised her nakedness and prayer

and these eyes have seen all manners of sins and sights

she promised nothing

work the doors of church and the doors swung with a slam, shut

and so I stood at the border and claimed it as my centre

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