

## **WiS Meeting Minutes for November 13, 2021**

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

**Meeting Place:** - Zoom

**Chair:** Danielle

**Minute taker:** Jadi

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

### **Prompt:**

By Erica: "Think of an event that occurred since our last meeting, the impact it had on you and write about it in the future as if it were about to happen"

The following writers shared their prompts: Cindy, Andrea, Barbara, Erica, Jadi, Danielle, Jim, Dan

### **Readings critiqued:**

#1: Barbara: "Ode to Grapes Left Behind"

Description: Her second poem for Dark Monday in January concerns harvest, and the life span of grapes, and a meditation on how getting left behind may be - being spared.

#2: Erica: "The Onion Engineer" "Stealing Bread" and "Thanksgiving in Stuttgart"

Description: Family Passover and Thanksgiving vignettes.

#3: Andrea: "A Stone to the Head"

Description: A woman receives a diagnosis of gastric cancer; the conversation with the doctor and the aftermath of the OP.

#4: Jadi: "Lovens"

Description: A Syrian baker is discovered by his young partner as he sleeps by the bakery ovens

### **General Discussion:**

#### **Business:**

#1: Fundraiser for Vday in February 2022.

Discussion summary: Call for pieces for Vagina Monologs event in February. Sara Conway is Director. Her email is [sara.sings@gmail.com](mailto:sara.sings@gmail.com)

Sara and NEAT will produce a charity evening for 2 Stuttgart organizations benefiting victims of domestic violence. The event is still in the planning stages. Jadi proposes we submit work, not necessarily on-topic; actors with NEAT are available to read or perform our works. Contact Sara Conway for more details.

**#2:** Erica will take minutes for December; Jim will Chair.

Discussion summary: Jim will put into information on website

**#3:** Dates Possible WiS monthly meeting dates – to let the DAZ know

Discussion: The following dates were set.

Friday 7 January 2022 evening rehearsal for Dark Monday

Saturday, 15 January 2022

Saturday, 12 February 2022

Saturday, 12 March 2022

Saturday, 9 April 2022

Saturday, 7 May 2022

Saturday, 25 June 2022

Saturday, 16 July 2022

Rehearsals for the January 2022 Dark Monday Reading shall be included as agenda item for our next meeting on 4 December

Write-ins shall continue to take place 2 weeks before each meeting. Next Write-in is Saturday, November 20

**#4:** Musician for Dark Monday Reading.

Discussion: Erica has asked Florian to be our musical accompaniment for Dark Monday on January 10th.

**#5:** Danielle created Instagram and Twitter accounts. Do we want to use them to advertise and network? No photos will be used, quotes with permission only. Danielle will maintain the sites, Andrea maintains our FB page, and Jim remains responsible for the WiS website. Q: should we share the prompts from each meeting? This could be a way to get followers and pique interest in our group. Cindy raised the question as to whether the sites become advertising for individual members' achievements rather than the group as a whole. Danielle believes we can do both. Addresses: Twitter AND Instagram: @writestuttgart

**#6:** We still need a new Treasurer!

**#7:** Jim asked for spreadsheet of Chairs, Minutes taker and month for the future.

**Meeting ended:** 14:00

