

WiS Meeting Minutes for April 9, 2022

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

Meeting Place: - Zoom

Chair: Irene

Minute taker: Dani

Attendees: Erica, Barbara, Dani, Irene

Prompt:

Irene:

“Elegy: six words, my Lord: please ease of song my tongue.”

Interpret this line of a poem, where does inspiration take you? From: Ilya Kaminsky, Deaf Republic 2019

The following writers shared their prompts: Erica, Barbara, Dani (in part), Irene

Readings critiqued:

#1: Erica: “Little Papoose and the Big Chief Girls”

A vignette about Erica as a child.

General Discussion:

We talked about living in the present and writing about aging and god and spirituality versus secularity and folk religion and the influence of occultism on Nazism and narrative as an illusion as well as a choice and grief (not necessarily in that order).

Dani recommends (again) the Artist’s Way by Julia Cameron

Barbara reads the poem “Won’t you celebrate with me” by Lucille Clifton

Barbara recommends Mysteries of The Arctic and Antarctic by Dobson

Erica recommends a grief summit on Apr 22, 2022 (email her for link)

Business:

#1: Business:

Dani volunteered to chair next meeting on May 7, 2022

#2: Business

We enjoyed having the time to have a longer discussion about our thoughts and better synthesize them with one another (or “mulch” them, a term Barbara credits to Jadi). Perhaps we can occasionally schedule a meeting where we do no readings except those off of the prompts, or use time within the write-ins to have these kinds of conversations.

#3: Business

Discussion on Monday's reading and streamlining future readings. Key Points:

- We need a committee in charge of each reading, ideally made up of non-readers
- We need a list of tasks for each reading so that we can keep track of what needs to be done for each reading and who will do it (e.g.: music, filming, contact with venue, program, what else?)
- We should add a discussion of the last reading and how to organize future readings to the agenda of the next meeting where more people are present

#4: Business

Dani would also like to occasionally share prompts, and we would like to get approval of the rest of the group.

#5: Business

Please send Dani any photos from Monday for use on Instagram. Our handle is @writestuttgart

Meeting ended: 12:50