

# WiS Meeting Minutes for January 15, 2022

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

**Meeting Place:** - Zoom

**Chair:** Jim

**Minutes taker:** Katharine

**Attendees:** Jim, Katharine, Erica, Andrea, Jadi, Danielle, Irene, Barbara

**Prompt:**

“I am an animal. This is my personal experience.” (from Erica)

The following writers shared their prompts: all present.

**Readings critiqued:**

#1: Barbara: “Meta”

New poem, in progress.

#2: Danielle: “Fishing”

Poem, in progress.

#3: Erica: “New Year’s Eve in Stuttgart: Out of Sync by the Kitchen Sink”

Erica-style vignette; one member present recalled hearing a version before.

#4: Katharine: “Another Sky Poem”

Revised version of poem from December meeting

**General Discussion:**

**Business:**

**#1: Reading dates:**

Those present discussed whether to put on an online reading on Monday, January 17, to replace the live reading that had been planned for that day at Merlin, as part of NEAT’s Dark Monday series. Some of those present argued that WiS would look unreliable if we postponed the reading, since we had already cancelled a reading that was planned for

October, 2021; also, the Jan. 17 reading had been listed on social media by WiS. Others argued that the cancellation could be attributed to NEAT, which has offered us the (live) Dark Monday slot on April 4. In addition, it was noted that two pieces that had been scheduled for the January reading – by Jim and Cindy – could not be read at that time, and this would diminish the length and impact of the reading. Finally, it was said that more preparation was needed before putting on a reading.

Those present considered the possibility of presenting an online reading sometime before the scheduled April 4 reading. They voted not to hold a reading until the April 4 event at Merlin. It was also decided that in the event that no live reading can be held on that date, WiS will present an online reading. It was noted that this information must be included in any promotion for the event.

## **#2: Bank account/password/treasurer:**

The question was raised as to who shall have access to the WiS bank account via a password, now that Cindy has stepped down as treasurer. Furthermore, those present discussed whether there was a need at all for a bank account; it was pointed out that for practical reasons, it is best to maintain an account. Otherwise, for instance, a person who incurred an expense would have to ask all members for a prorated contribution to cover the expense in question.

Jim agreed to act as temporary treasurer, and Erica and Irene agreed to receive the password so that another person can access the account if needed.

It was agreed that a new treasurer should be named once a member has agreed to take on that office.

**Meeting ended:** Members present left gradually started at about 1:05.