

Writers in Stuttgart Meeting: September 17, 2022

Meeting Time: 10:00 – 13:00

Meeting Place: Zoom

Chair: Cindy Halbert-Seger

Minutes: Jadi Campbell

Attending: Cindy, Jadi, Erica, Andrea, Katharine, Jim

Prompt: from Barbara. What feels urgent to you right now?

Critiques: Jadi read an excerpt from *The Legend of Ole Bob Stuff*, the story of Bob Dylan's hapless and untalented cousin. Cindy read from the coming Panto in which Melania Trump and Boris Johnson search for Hansel and Gretel (Greta Thunberg).

Business:

Our annual January Dark Monday reading will take place in Merlin's café room on January 9, 2023 at 20:00. We voted to use the theme *Life is a Poker Game: Raise, Call, or Fold*. Andrea (Stage Dresser Extraordinaire) suggested placing playing cards on the walls as deco.

Jadi will inform Charles Urban and he will advertise our event. We will do one rehearsal on Zoom and a second rehearsal in person at Andrea's home. Rehearsal dates to be set.

Jim will transfer our microphone to Andrea for safekeeping. We need to master its use. Erica will ask Florian if he is willing to be our musical act for the reading again.

NEAT has paid 300€ for the April 2022 reading. Cindy reminded the group that this sum was the amount given to artistic acts to help them survive the pandemic lockdowns. These payments are not likely to be continued. In other words, we should expect more modest earnings from future public readings.

We discussed accepting new members from outside the Stuttgart area and voted yes. We continue to meet virtually; distance isn't an issue until such time as we return to DAZ for our monthly meetings. Concern was expressed about allowing potential members access to our website. Who is allowed access? What about people who leave the group, or decide not to join?

Dates to mark on your calendars:

Sunday, October 2, 2022. Get-together at Katharine Schmidt's. Coffee/tea/ or beverage of your choice. People are asked to bring something they would like to eat +/- or drink; we have one pie announced already, and Katharine will make a chocolate cake with coconut frosting. At Katharine's home, 14:30 – 18:00.

Sunday, December 4, 2022: NEAT's annual Panto, co-written and acted in by Cindy Halbert-Seger. It is tentatively titled, *Hansel and Greta: A Christmas Panto*. At Kulturwerk.

Monday, December 5, 2022 NEAT's Dark Monday: *The Legend of Ole Bob Stuff*, written by Jadi Campbell and including performances by Erica Applezweig. At Merlin Theater, 20:00.