

December 10, 2022

Meeting Time: 10:00 – 13:00

Meeting Place: Zoom

Chair: Jim Palik

Minutes: Jadi Campbell

Attending: Jim, Jadi, Barbara, Andrea, Katharine, Diane

Prompt: from Barbara. Write a story that includes the phrase “Thank you for that”

Critiques:

Jadi read the draft of her story for January’s Dark Monday reading: a modern-day Joe contemplating Saint Joseph and his virginal pregnant bride....

Jim read a revised draft of his story for Dark Monday, tying politics and the personal into the theme of life as a poker game.

Barbara presented two poems. The group voted to allow her to read a previously performed poem about her mother for the Dark Monday reading. The second poem is currently untitled: perhaps it will be called Final Farewell.

Andrea read a poem-in-progress called Waterfall; Barbara suggested the title should be Cascadia.

Business:

Our annual January Dark Monday reading will take place in Merlin’s café room on January 9, 2023 at 20:00. Rehearsal dates are Saturday December 17th at 10:00, and January 7, 2023, at 13:00 at Andrea’s. This will be a hybrid meeting, both in-person and via Zoom. Jim reminded the group that our speaker needs to have the aerial attached first before using it. Jadi has reached out to Erica to ask if she will remain contact person with Florian Eisentraut, who will be our musical element for the reading. (He will need the themes of the pieces ahead of time.) The group agreed that Jadi may read her story “Better Weather” again if time permits. At present Jim, Andrea, Barbara and Jadi indicate they will read. Erica and Katharine are considering taking part if they have pieces ready.

New member: We welcomed Diane Martinez to our group. Diane is a professor from North Carolina, here for eight months on a Fulbright Scholarship. Welcome, Diane!

The group was delighted to hear that Michael Hilton has expressed a desire to rejoin us (from Munich) and to read with us at future events.

OUR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE ON
JANUARY 14, 10:00.