

## Writers in Stuttgart Meeting on 4 March 2023 via Zoom

**Chair:** Erica

**Minutes:** Cindy

**Attendees:** Jim, Cindy, Jadi, Andrea, Erica, Barbara

**Prompt:** Jim would like simpler type of prompts like a single word prompt. He thinks that they should be varied. He also suggested that we rotate prompts. Erica was against it because it would be one more thing to sign up for. Erica says Irene was responsible for prompt today. Barbara said we don't need to fix a problem that doesn't exist. Prompts are meant to be complicated so that we can be challenged.

**It was decided as an exception to use Jim's prompt.**

**JIM'S PROMPT: "Life". 20 Minutes.** The prompts were shared afterwards.

**NEXT MEETING: is scheduled as a HYBRID meeting.** It will take place at the **DAZ in person on 1 April 2023.** Andrea will do a hybrid test the day beforehand on 31 March 2023. All members are invited to the hybrid test as well as the in person meeting for the first time in years.

**Critiques:**

**Erica: The Downside of Telepathy.** A humorous story about a client who was unhappy with telephone therapy.

Erica also reported on Zoom having its place and that it is effective for some situations – as a recent shiva she attended.

Erica's second piece: **Who knows What's in the Basement.** A story about an unknown pet that got lost in the basement.

Erica also shared her poem: **"Michael and me are maffy"** in honor of her friend Michael Mason who recently died after a 60 year friendship. His obituary can be found at:

<https://www.mvtimes.com/2023/03/07/michael-mason/>

**Cindy:** presented three one page plays for critique: **Alexa, My Favorite, and A Wild Goose Chase.**

**Alexa** is a story about a man who receives Alexa as a birthday present and its unexpected consequences particularly when the "woke" word is something other than "Alexa".

**My Favorite** is a story about two children helping to pick cherry tomatoes and their different approaches to this task.

**A Wild Goose Chase** is about two farmers and the local ranger discussing who has access to the area and the problems associated with "too many geese" and their associated goose poop. This issue ends up being used as a lever to expand into other political problems such as subsidizing refugees.

**MEETING ENDED:** on time at 13.00.