

Minutes of the Beyond Reality Costumers' Guild, August 18, 2009

Attendees: Betty Bigelow, David Bigelow, Chris Bolt, Susan Courney, Kathy Evans, Holly Forbis, Vicki Glover, Judy Lyen, Kate McClure, Ed Mignon, Erik Prill, Kier Salmon, Greg Sardo, Lisa Satterlund, Aimee Skeers, Victoria Shaffer, Joanne Spink, Jonnalyhn Wolfcat, Carol Zebold, Julie Zetterberg.

The August meeting was held at Goldie's on Airport Way, and was called to order by Bigwig Julie at 7:34pm. Minutes of the July meeting were corrected and subsequently approved.

Officers' reports:

Katt has signed the contract for our reservation at the Inn at Gig Harbor for the 2010 BeyondCon. She has also sent a rent payment to the Queen Anne Christian Church for the Fall Event. Joanne reviewed the background and mission of the Bitch Fund.

Events: Past:

BRCG Summer Event & apron challenge "50s with a Twist", Great success, lots of fun. Carol won the prize for first part of the Apron contest. Thanks to Lisa for hosting. The next issue of Apronology is in preparation, deadline for submissions is September 15. Details at Stratford Publishing's website.

Costume College, July 31-August 2, Van Nuys, CA. Many fantasy costumes in evidence. Jonnalyhn took a class in beaded fairy crowns; Pippin was thrilled to make progress with her corset.

Renaissance Fair, first three weekends in August, Morris Farms, Buckley. Biggest attendance ever. Much lively activity despite rocky, uneven ground, and restrictions of campfires required by the Fire Marshall. Owner of the farm loved it, and wants to host it again next year.

Anticipation (Worldcon), August 6-10, Montreal, Canada. No BRCG members known to have gone. Masquerade was small but choice. No best in show award was given.

SITU Summer Event, "Great Gatsby and Friends", August 16. Nice event, very well attended, beautiful day, vintage cars, Marie and Payne had their picture in the paper.

Camlann Summer Festival, Sats. & Suns., July 18 thru August 23. Payne was outstanding in multiple roles in the gruesome medieval play Sir Ywayn, Knight of the Lion. Joanne played the Lion with charm as well as ferocity!

Upcoming:

"Suffer for Beauty," White River Valley Museum, Auburn, vintage undergarment exhibit, Aug 12-Nov. 8. Date of their fashion show conflicts with our Fall Event. Museum would be happy to have us on any day we want to come. There are two tea rooms nearby, the smaller one is not suitable for a group appearance, but the larger one, in a Victorian house, would be suitable for us. We could change into our costumes at Kate's house, which is nearby. Sunday October 11 proposed as the date for our outing.

Seattle Thrillers Dance Practices, Rockin' Horse Dance Barn, Renton, 1-3 p.m., August 22, 30, Sept. 6, 13, 19. Practice sessions open to all. Details at <http://www.meetup.com/seattlethrillers>. Actual performance will be a worldwide affair, produced by Thrill the World 2009, Oct. 24, 5:30 p.m., Seattle location TBA. Zombie dress code. Details at <http://www.thrilltheworld.com>

SITU Fall Event, "An Afternoon with Agatha Christie", Sept. 20, 3 p.m., on the train from Chehalis.

SITU Holiday Event, "A Dickens Holiday Tea & Afternoon Gathering", Dec. 6. Info on both events at <http://www.situseattle.com/UpcomingEventsPage.htm>.

Steampunk garage sale, Sept. 26, All Pilgrims Church, 500 Broadway on Capitol Hill.

Steamcon, Oct. 25-28, Sea-Tac Marriott, (<http://www.steam-con.com>). There is still room in the art show. There will be a cabaret with volunteer performers, a photography room for both pros and amateurs, and several contests. They need antique furniture to use as props. They are enthusiastic about having us judge the best dressed at the high tea session. M/2 that we accept their invitation to judge this contest. M/C. Make arrangements by contacting Dodie at fashionshow@steam-con.com. If we are judging, do we get into the tea for free? (The tea is a separate charge from the con registration.) Do we need to make ribbons? Lisa is not sure that she has some suitable ribbons. We may have to make some more soon. Jonnalyhn will host the ribbon party if needed, date to be discussed online.

Costume-Con 28, May 7-10, 2010, Milwaukee, WI. <http://www.cc28.org>. September 30 is deadline for Future Fashion Folio entries. Greg and Julie are hoping to go.

Ongoing/future BRCG activities:

BRCG Fall Event. Hollywood Fantasy Glamour, Sept. 26, Queen Anne Christian Church. Betty will help with cleaning, Erik will do music, Jonnalyhn and Carol will handle decorating. Julie will serve as default autocrat and be available to answer questions. Who will go to get the key? But we still need someone to act as a coordinator of all the activities.

BeyondCon 2010. Feb. 12-14, Inn at Gig Harbor. Planning committee will start in September. Kier will design a promotional flyer.

Old Business:

Alternate north end locations for our monthly meetings: Las Margaritas does not have a meeting room. Ed will confirm our reservation at Spiro's for the September meeting.

Other Business:

- Costumers Guild West has invited BRCG to become a sister organization. This would allow BRCG members to register earlier for Costume College at the reduced member rate. Jonnalyhn will find out about requirements and benefits of this affiliation. CGW is not part of ICG, but Julie doesn't think there will be any conflict here.
- Officer elections

President: Thom (who was not there to defend himself) was enthusiastically nominated

Vice-Pres: Kate agrees to run for re-election

Treasurer: Katt will be asked to serve again.

Secretary: nominations needed

Notions editor: nominations needed.

- Aimee reported on Innocente Seraphim. This first Lolita convention was a for-profit con, but still drew a crowd of 300, with several celebrity guests, including the chief designer of the Japanese Lolita line. Highlights were an outstanding fashion show, a Lolita bowling tournament, and over 20 years of anime, but you get more out of all this if you know the in-group lingo. Bellevue Westin was an ideal location.

- Kathy reported on the Civil War re-enactment to take place Labor Day weekend at Ft. Stevens, Astoria, OR. Details on a link from Kathy's website.

- Royal Victoria Museum in Victoria B.C. has a small but choice exhibit of treasures from the British Museum, which features many items of interest to BRCGers. Exhibit runs to the end of next month.

Vicki will host our Project Runway viewing on August 20. She will post the time on the List.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41.

Results of post-meeting Apron contest judging, part 2:

Most practical--Lisa

Best pattern adaptation--Kier

First place--Susan

Next meeting, Tuesday September 15 at Spiro's Pizza & Pasta