

Beyond Reality Costumer's Guild Meeting Minutes February 16, 2010

Fresh off an outstandingly successful BeyondCon, the February meeting of the Beyond Reality Costumer's Guild took place at Spiro's in Shoreline, and came to order at 7:25 PM. The Guild Chair even had a proper gavel, so there! Members in attendance included: Marie Cooley, Julie Zetterberg, Jonnalyhn Wolfcat, Erik Prill, Judy Lyen, Lisa Satterlund, Susan Courney, Joanne Spink, Betty Bigelow, David Bigelow, Victoria Shaffer, Kier Salmon, Audrey Schmidt, Katherine Daida, Carol Zebold and Kathy Evans.

The first order of business was approval of the January minutes, and they were. Second, we decided that the December minutes had sat in the corner long enough and had learned it's lesson for being less than perfect, so with corrections the December minutes were also approved.

Kathy informed the guild that she sent a condolence card on our behalf to Kelly on the passing of her Dad.

Katt gave a treasury report, and submitted an expense report to the guild. ICG memberships have been renewed, and our state license has been updated as well. The guild coffers are reported to be in "good shape". Katt also distributed BRCG membership cards to current members in good standing, which she printed, and all agreed that they're very cool indeed. Speaking of funds, Lisa reported on behalf of Joanne Spink that there were very generous and appreciated contributions to the "Bitch Fund" on behalf of Trixie's dogs made at BeyondCon.

In old business, Kier reported on attending a steampunk photoshoot in Georgetown, and Judy and Kathy attended the Somewhere in Time tea at the Queen Mary in Seattle.

The co-chairs of this year's BeyondCon, Kier and Audrey, gave a report to the chair on the success of that event. The comment was made that the function space seemed "tight" at times, and the suggestion to consider a larger function space was made. Following the convention, Kelly kindly removed the unwanted leftover materials left from the swap and shop to the nearby Goodwill, and received many huzzahs from the guild for that.

This year's Sari Safari was postponed. It's unsure if a new day will be scheduled for a group outing to Vancouver's Little India fabric district this year or not.

It was reported that Agnes Gawne is investigating the possibility of sister status with the Greater Bay Area Costumer's Guild, based in San Francisco.

Julie has new BRCG t-shirts "somewhere" in her house, and is hoping to have them available soon. The guild has already reimbursed Susan for the screen printing, but will need to reimburse her for the cost of the blank t-shirts. The guild is hoping to fulfill pre-orders taken at CostumeCon 2008.

In new business, the chair mentioned that the I.C.G. is accepting nominations for this year's Lifetime Achievement Award. Visit costume.org for more information.

Future ribbon making parties were discussed. One is scheduled at Jonnalyhn's house on February 28 at 4 PM and another may be held at Audrey's in March if needed. Marie asked about Norwescon rules regarding Hall Costume Ribbons, and Julie said she would investigate that further.

Attempts were made to investigate group memberships options at Norwescon, but the answers were not forthcoming. Lisa said we have several raffle items we can have at our guild table this year, and will inventory them. Marie suggested we focus on the higher quality items for the raffle. A motion was made that other items will be made available for sale at the fan flea market scheduled at Norwescon this year, and was carried unanimously. Lisa will also investigate the status of any leftover chocolate from last year's fundraiser and report to the guild. Katt has agreed to take on the organization and running of the raffle.

Marie displayed the banner she had printed in order to demonstrate how one for our guild table might look. Katt has a coupon for a free small banner. A motion was made that a large guild banner be purchased at the same time as the coupon was used, and passed unanimously. Katt will order the banners for the guild.

At BeyondCon, Lisa spoke with Troy Nary regarding the need for a lighting director at Norwescon. Troy will discuss the idea with Michael Citrak.

Julie mentioned that Thursday at Norwescon will be "Zombie Day", with lots of zombie themed programming and events.

Lisa has again volunteered her hotel room at Norwescon for a post masquerade guild party on Saturday night. We also have a Trixie award available to offer to a group at the masquerade this year, and will be discussing that with the masquerade director.

Lisa discussed an issue she had with hotel staff at this year's BeyondCon. It was decided that the incident did not warrant a letter, but Katt was authorized to mention it to their representative in her future negotiations with them. Katt will be discussing signing a contract for next year's BeyondCon at the same hotel, the Inn at Gig Harbor. Kier and Audrey have agreed to send thank you notes to this year's panelists at BeyondCon.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.