

## **BRCG Meeting Minutes – August 2002**

The summer wind, was blowing in, from across the sea, and it was time for the August meeting of the Beyond Reality Costumer's Guild. Vicki, the Grand Pooh-Bah, called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM. It was requested that the minutes from the last meeting be read, and Betty did the honors. One bit of information needed to be added to the previous minutes, that of the date of the Tacoma Museum of History celebration of the Pierce County Sesquicentennial. The date is Thursday, August 29<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 8 PM.

Kate offered her treasurer's report, which included the fact that we are currently in the "black". She also said that she'd not be running for the Treasurer position next year. As the topic of new officer elections was raised, Vicki made the request that someone else either take on the bulletin responsibilities or the grand pooh-bah responsibilities, as it was too much for one person to do both. Election discussion was postponed until the next meeting. Cost of printing Notions was discussed, and Don estimated it cost the Guild \$250 per year to publish.

Lisa reported on the Bylaws committee. She estimates they are ½ way done with the articles of incorporation. Fees for filing were discussed, and Kate said she'd investigate if we could be included in the non-profit status of the larger international costumer's guild. Lisa noted that the BRCG required incorporation to obtain a business banking account.

In old business, Don discussed progress with the Costume Con 24 bid. He hasn't heard back from the hotel for reservation prices yet, but feels we'll be offered a very good deal. Don also revealed a plan he's discussed with Tom concerning combining Costume Con and Left Coast Crime into a dual convention. The BRCG group seemed very excited about that idea, and the possibility of wearing trench coats and fedoras while calling everyone "sweetheart". The WesterCon organizing committee would be the management organization in charge of running the event. Lisa emphasized the importance of having a costumer run the masquerade. Don stated he would go ahead with the bid if the hotel offers us a good deal.

A good part of the meeting was used to discuss the upcoming "Mad Scientist" event. It's scheduled for September 28, 2002 at the Queen Anne Christian Church Fellowship from 6 to 11 PM. Tickets will be sold at the door at a cost of \$8 for members and \$10 for non-members. The location

contains a kitchen, a small stage and a balcony, and the restrooms and side room will be available for changing costumes.

There was a decoration and set-up volunteer sheet passed around, and Lisa volunteered to serve as the decorations coordinator. Participants with decorations to bring should contact Lisa with the knowledge that they are responsible for transportation of the decorations. Vicki requested medical-style green sheets and extra lab coats for the event. A flyer for the event will be posted on the BRCG website. Vicki and Erik agreed to inspect the site prior to the event for outlets and other layout purposes. Kate said she was gathering music appropriate for the event to burn to a CD, so anyone with music to include should contact her.

Vicki raised the idea of attending the next installment of the “Lord of the Rings” movie as a group in character. Further, an “Ear Casting Party” was discussed to give members the opportunity to create elf ears, and otherwise prepare for this “Rings” event. Tentatively, the date for that party is Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at an undisclosed location.

The September meeting is planned for September 17<sup>th</sup> at the same location, Olympia Pizza. Nominations for Officers positions will be discussed, as well as further preparation for the “Mad Scientists”. The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 PM, and door prizes were issued, with each item going to the person who would have the least use in possessing it. Ah, memories...