

Minutes of the Beyond Reality Costumers' Guild, February 17, 2009

Attendees: Betty Bigelow, Vicki Glover, Priscilla Machia, Ed Mignon Kelly Nary, Troy Nary, Kier Salmon, Greg Sardo, Lisa Satterlund, Audrey Schmidt, Joanne Spink, Carol Zebold, Julie Zetterberg.

The January meeting was held at Goldie's Airport Way, and brought to order by Bigwig Julie (since Wiglet Kate was unable to attend) at precisely 7:30. Minutes of the January meeting not yet available. M/2 that review of the January minutes be tabled until the March meeting. M/C.

Officers' reports:

Lisa urged all who were at BeyondCon to contribute copy to the next issue of Notions, Deadline is March 10, but don't wait until the last minute.

Katt was unable to attend, so there was no Treasurer's report.

Events:

Past:

Sari Safari. The Canadian economy was cheerfully stimulated by somewhere between 7 to 10 members, relations and buddies. The merchants know us and were lurking in wait for us. Vicki has the business card for a dealer who will order or otherwise provide trim for any interested party. Lisa wants someone, presumably Vicki, to write a report on the Safari for Notions.

BeyondCon 2009. 22 Attendees. Since we do not yet have the Treasurer's report, it is not known whether the event broke even. We spent \$436 for the meeting room, and Kier still has some funds that have to be turned over to Katt before we can have a final accounting. Discussion then turned to ideas for BeyondCon 2010. See below for details.

Upcoming:

Upcoming BRCG Events

Final Work Party at Trixie's place, March 1. Everybody come. There's lots of stuff to be taken care of.

Final Ribbon Party set for March 8. More supplies needed. Carol has cut the pads to go on the juice can lids, but could use still more lids. Everybody saves yours up and bring them on the 8th Kathy is ordering pin backs and will sell them to us for cost.

Norwescon 2009. The BRCG banner was too short last year. Troy will create a new and better one that will be simple and easily readable. Julie will find out what the layout for the Single Pattern Contest will be. She will also contact the person who is coordinating the Hall Costume contest.

T-Shirts: Julie has a small screen printing kit, but she needs a frame. Carol may have one in her basement. All members are urged to look for their screen frames. Kier will ask Randolph to make one. If several members have printers and frames, we might have T-shirt party and generate oodles of shirts. Joanne has a hinge and squeegee for a 500 lb. sheet press, in case we decide to print the shirts with a heat transfer process. But this may not work, because we need to print white characters on a black fabric.

Carol has the badges and ribbons for the Trixie award. But she only has one picture of Trixie to go with the doll that she is making and asked if anybody else has a better one. She also urged others to produce their own versions of the Trixie for future use. Wording of the announcement/explanation of the motivation and purpose of the Trixie award still not finalized. Audrey has the draft and suggestions provided by members.

Printed ribbons for Hall Costume awards: Julie knows Chaz, who has a supplier who will do lots of ribbons for the good price of about \$35 for 100 ribbons. These are evidently horizontal ribbons with gum at the top, which may not work for our badges. Julie will follow up.

Raffles and Prizes: Julie has an M&M dispenser. Lisa has one as well, which she will fill with Skittles. Kelly will provide two boxes of chocolate bars. Lisa will contact Nels and ask him to do sticker squares again. Julie will print out some plain paper circles with gold sticker on the outside and the paper circle underneath. Last year we had a problem attaching the stickers so this time let's make a stripe to use as a pull tab. One edge will be loose. Kier will donate a prize of a box of gourmet truffles; But Lisa wants to find out first how many prizes we actually have, and how many we can easily display.

Joanne would like to have a raffle for the Bitch Fund. We could have a photo of the cute dogs on display, with a sign indicated that we're raising funds for them.

Lisa and Julie are trying to get connecting rooms for the invitation-only post-masquerade party. The Imperial Solar Navy will have its traditional Scotch party once again on Saturday night. See Audrey for invitations.

Kate's 1919 Garden Party, April 19. No further details at this time.

Summer Event will take place at Lisa's home on the first or second day of August. Theme is 50's with a Twist, i.e. 1850s, 1950s, 2050, etc. There will also be an Apron Challenge. Marie and someone else, maybe Lisa if nobody else is recruited, will be judges. Lisa has no sympathy for nonfunctional aprons (but those are the most fun!!!)

Renaissance Fair is back, and will take place on the first three weekends on August. Location not yet decided.

BeyondCon 2010. Should we have Hospitality suite in either room 215, which has beds and windows, or room 213, which has a better layout but no windows? Audrey and Kier have standing floor Ott Lights; Lisa has a small one. If everyone will bring their lights next year we will have good illumination. Audrey has a friend who may be able to donate a sign holder. But Vicki thinks the hotel may have one we might use. Troy may provide something from his PVC workshop. Much concern about a small footprint. We need something compact that comes up chest high. Julie would like to have a small stand at the hotel registration desk with the BeyondCon flyer reading "Please join us in [whatever is the number for] the Hospitality Room."

Kier and Audrey will constitute the planning committee for the 2010 event. Send suggestions for panels and other details to Audrey or the BRCG secretary. Troy, Jonnalyhn and Erik will handle programming. Troy will do the color panel on lighting. He invited members to bring any fabrics that they particularly wanted to examine under various kinds of lighting.

Old Business:

None discussed.

Other Business:

The meeting concluded with Joanne describing her clever project for making costumes from sweatshirt patterns. The meeting was adjourned at 8:23.

Our next meeting will be March 17 at Spiro's.