

Minutes of the Beyond Reality Costumers' Guild, June 16, 2009

Attendees: Betty Bigelow, David Bigelow, Katherine Daida, Kathy Evans, Vicki Glover, Susan Locsin, Judy Lyen, Kate McClure, Ed Mignon, Erik Prill, Greg Sardo, Lisa Satterlund, Joanne Spink, Damon Wasson, Jonnalyhn Wolfcat, Carol Zebold, Julie Zetterberg.

The June meeting was held at Goldie's on Airport Way, and called to order at 7:40 by Bigwig Julie. Minutes of the May meeting were inspected and approved.

Officers' reports:

Katt provided Treasury Reports for April, May and June. There was little financial activity, and we are still solvent. Joanne announced that the Bitch Fund is solvent.

Events: Past:

Archie McPhee's is now open and thriving at its new location at NE 45th and Stone Way, and Payne is reportedly living there.

Fabric Rummages at Joanne's and Erik's. Vast quantities of gorgeous material and artifacts transferred to loving and enthusiastic new owners. Remaining items were taken to Goodwill by Erik.

Upcoming:

Sew-a-Con (GPACG), June 27, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 7600 N. Hereford Ave., Portland; call 503-239-4860 for more info. We might imitate this idea by having a two hour session at BeyondCon where we all brought our projects, but we would have to make sure that we had adequate lighting, which was discussed at a previous meeting.

Costume College, July 31-Aug. 2, Van Nuys, California. We anticipate reports from members who are going to this event.

Renaissance Fair, first three weekends in August at Morris Farms in Buckley. Details at <http://www.washingt.onrenfair.com/>

Steamcon, Oct. 25-28, Sea-Tac Marriott (<http://www.steam-con.com>). This is expected to be truly huge. People coming from far and wide, many requests for tables. Program will include a photography room (open to both pros and amateurs), a fashion show, a formal tea, and a cabaret. Tours to a steam plant, Gasworks Park, and Pioneer Square Underground are under serious consideration. More helpers are needed. Kate is looking for a roommate.

BRCG Summer event and apron challenge "50s with a twist", August 1, 1-4pm at Lisa Satterlund's house. Details on the BRCG website. Parking is virtually nonexistent on Lisa's street. So plan to park either on 12th NE or NE 88th or NE 90th, and then walk at least two blocks. This is a potluck event, but Lisa will supply pop,

marshmallows and graham crackers. She also has two Weber grilles, with the smaller one planned for s'mores. Assuming good weather, it would also be nice if someone might bring a croquet set. Winner of the apron challenge will be submitted to the Apronology contest, and all entries are also encouraged to submit. More details, including an Email address specifically for this event, are now up on the BRCG website. We need more volunteers for setup help.

BRCG Fall Event, September 26, Queen Anne Christian Church. M/2 that our \$180 check for the rent be dispatched to the Church forthwith. M/C. Volunteers to take charge of the various aspects of preparation will be determined at July BRCG meeting. The list of prospective themes suggested for the event by various members and prepared by Carol was announced and discussed. Julie asked for additional themes, but none were forthcoming. After taking a vote on the themes, the 3 finalists were:

\*Holiday in Spain/ Latin American Fantasy Fiesta

\*Hollywood Fantasy Glamour

\*Big Band in Space--Alien Prom Night

One of these themes will be chosen at the July meeting.

BeyondCon 2010, Feb. 12-14. Inn at Gig Harbor. Katt will contact the Inn to confirm our reservation. Lisa would like to have the same room (which we used for Hospitality) that she had last time. Progress report from Kier and Audrey expected at the July meeting.

Old Business:

North-end Meeting Place. July meeting to be held at Spiro's Pizza & Pasta. We are still looking for a satisfactory alternative for the September meeting. Members are encouraged to offer suggestions.

Member Directory. Kate spoke with the ICG, but they report that there's no standard procedure used by all groups. Once we decide what form the listings will take, we could send an Email or postcard to each member, asking them what info about themselves they would agree to have in the directory. Only members would receive the directory, which might be either a digital or hard copy document. A mild preference was expressed for hard copy distribution, due to privacy concerns. SITU handled this by informing its members that they would be listed in the directory unless heard from otherwise by a deadline date, Kate will continue to investigate this matter.

T-Shirt Reprinting. Julie experimented with printing them on the front and machine embroidering them on the sleeve, but is not satisfied with the results. Although we originally were charging \$10 for the shirts, Katt thinks we should up the price to \$15, since they are long-sleeved. We will honor the \$10 price for people who have already paid. Susan L. can do the screen printing on the front and will digitize the logo to embroider on the sleeve. M/2 we turn the project over to Susan, who will return the shirts completed for \$3.25 apiece, which will allow us to sell them at a profit. M/C.

Other Business:

BRCG Letterhead for Stationery and other Official Documents. Katt will ask Kier and Randolph if they could create a letterhead for us. Susan L. would like us to revive our custom of providing membership cards, because, among other things, that will get us 10% off at Hancock Fabrics. We will contact Audrey to see if she still has any, or if she has a disc with the template for our cards. This project to be further discussed and decided upon at the July meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30, followed by a spectacular show and tell from Vicki, and another of our traditional post-meeting potlatch of fabrics, outfits, trinkets, and other desirables.

Our next meeting will be July 21, at Spiro's Pizza & Pasta.