

BRCG Meeting Minutes March 2004

The Beyond Reality Costumers Guild of Seattle (now with Inc.) had it's monthly meeting at Olympia Pizza in Wallingford March 16th, beginning at 7:25 PM. Audrey passed around the current membership list, including the list of those who owe dues. Those members not in attendance at the meeting will receive reminder cards in the mail. Paying dues allows us to stop bugging you about paying dues. It's worth it!

Vicki, the Grand Pooh Bah, led off the night's discussion with BeyondCon. We learned from our February event that we need to attract more members to be profitable, so we're trying to determine why some members did not attend. If there are to be more BeyondCon's in the future, it was agreed that as much advance notice as possible could only help improve participation. At the last meeting we had set the goal to decide on future BeyondCon's at the March meeting, so a vote was called by Kate, and Erik seconded. The group was nearly unanimous in favor of another BeyondCon, with one abstention.

With that decision we could move forward on the details of the future BeyondCon event. Lisa volunteered to head up programming, and also create a BeyondCon poster to put up at Norwescon in April. Kate and Betty will collaborate on a logo. Vicki proposed another committee this year to determine the best site for the event, and Don was volunteered. JoAnn K. had also expressed an interest in being a part of the site selection committee, and will be contacted for her input.

Moving on, Vicki brought up preparations for Norwescon. She is still requesting volunteers to assist with this year's masquerade, BRCG table, and Hall Costume Judging. Members willing to help out can contact Vicki through her e-mail listed on the BRCG.ORG web page. Audrey will be this year's masquerade assistant. The BRCG table will be shared with the masquerade signup, but will feature a lot of unique things this year, including a TV/DVD player to show previous masquerade videos, and possibly a sewing machine to offer quick hall costume repairs. Roaming hall costume judges will be passing out smaller award ribbons that can be exchanged at the BRCG table for larger hand made awards, and polite (but firm) BRCG membership sales pitch.

Kelly mentioned that she has a few of the popular BRCG t-shirts from last year that she'll bring to sell at the table as well. It was discussed if Hall Costume Judges could take digital pictures of the costumes to include in the masquerade intermission video presentation, but it was pointed out that it would require

the signing of releases to do that. Thom offered to modify a release form he has for this purpose, so that might possibly take place at Norwescon.

One thing that will happen at Norwescon is the Stardance opening number, held on Friday evening. Volunteers with light-up costumes can contact Vicki for more information if they'd like to participate. Vicki mentioned that there was a possibility of a "Fashion Show" being held at Norwescon, but as the schedule had not been posted by the time of the meeting that is unconfirmed.

Kate, the newsletter editor, will be traveling to Atlanta in April to attend CostumeCon, and the International Costumer's Guild annual meeting, of which we are a chapter. She'll be hand delivering the proxy votes that were included in the last issue of Notions, our newsletter. If you'd like to have your proxy included please mail it to Kate before April 1st (her address is on Notions), or contact her through e-mail to make arrangements.

Kate and Audrey reported that they attended the Sewing Expo at the Puyallup Fairgrounds recently and were very impressed. They found many unique patterns, books and fabrics. There was even an overheard rumor that the Expo might be expanded next year. Kate proposed that we draft BRCCG business cards to pass out at events like this, and possibly make it a BRCCG group outing. Audrey expressed interest in organizing that future event.

Other items of interest: The Northwest Bead Society has a new meeting location near Vicki's house. If you're curious to find out more contact Vicki. Somewhere in Time (S.I.T.) is holding an event in Port Townsend during their Victorian Days Celebration March 18th through the 21st. It was announced that the tentative opening date for the Experience Science Fiction Museum, next to EMP, is June 18th. A textile exhibition in Oak Harbor is going on April 23rd through 25th. Go to gailcreativestudies.com for more information. An art glass show is being held July 8th through the 11th at the Portland Convention Center, www.artglassshow.com. Oh, and yeah, this little thing called Norwescon is happening April 8th through the 11th in Seattle (norwescon.org).

Vicki brought the meeting to a close at 8:30 PM, and led a demonstration in fabric painting on trim. Other members brought out samples of trim and finished pieces to show off. Wacky, gender specific door prizes were handed out to the wrong genders, and hilarity ensued. The next meeting will be April 20th at Olympia Pizza.