

Minutes of the Beyond Reality Costumers' Guild, October 20, 2009

Attendees: Marie Cooley, Katt Daida, Vicki Glover, Kate McClure, Ed Mignon, Erik Prill, Kier Salmon, Greg Sardo, Lisa Satterlund, Joanne Spink, Damon Wasson, Carol Zebold, Julie Zetterberg.

The October meeting was held at Goldie's on Airport Way, and was called to order by Bigwig Julie at 7:53. Minutes of the September meeting were inspected and approved.

Officers' reports:

Treasurer Katt reported that it's time for several members to pay their dues. Notification has been sent to the List. BRCG treasury and Bitch Fund are both currently solvent.

Events: Past:

BRCG Fall Event had a small turnout (18 participants), possibly due to not getting the announcement promoted early or widely enough or perhaps due to conflicts with other events, but we made enough money to cover expenses nevertheless. Much enjoyment was had, especially for the splendid acting competition. Profound thanks to Erik and Jonnalyhn for their superbly skilled and dedicated contributions to the festivities. But we need to be more aggressive about notifying SITU of the dates of our events, in order to minimize conflicts with their activities.

"Suffer for Beauty" White River Valley Museum, BRCG Visits and Tea Parties. Wonderful times were had, not only by us but also by the docents who were thrilled by our dramatic appearance in period costume and charmed by our enthusiasm and magnetic personalities. Prior to the tea, serious research was diligently conducted in the antique mall in Sumner. Reception at the tea house was gracious and considerate. Erik has sent his and Carol's photos of our first visit to Don for the web page. Picture from the exhibit itself are available from either Erik or Carol. Erik is hoping for more photos from the second trip.

SITU Fall Event, "An Afternoon with Agatha Christie." Marie reports that the food was good and the train ride from Chehalis was lovely. A few SITUers came as Miss Marple, but no Poirots were to be seen.

Upcoming:

Thrill the World 2009, October 24, Occidental Park. Julie and Greg will be among the Thrillers.

Steamcon, October 25-28, Sea-Tac Marriott. A capacity attendance is expected. Kier has the prize award ribbons for the judges to hand to the winners at the Tea. We hope to get some pictures of the occasion.

Ongoing/future BRCG activities:

BeyondCon 2010, Feb. 12-14, Inn at Gig Harbor. The flyer is ready, but Katt thinks that it would be nicer if it were in color. Kier will try to get the color version reproduced and Katt will try to run it. We hope to have it ready for distribution at SteamCon. Member registration will be \$30. The Theme for the Con will be "Presentation," and there has been some discussion online about the theme for Hospitality and the Dance being a Holiday in the Sun or Hawaiian motif. Carol will be in charge of Hospitality and will have some kinds of decor for any vacation spot chosen, but maybe not for the dance as well. Kier, Katt and Jonnalyhn will start work on the program, and they already have a massive list of program ideas to choose from. Katt has already reserved space at the Inn at GH for BeyondCon 2011. With this confirmed, we will be able to announce that event when we are at Norwescon this April.

Old Business:

Election of Officers. We need nominations for President. Julie argued that the job is neither time-consuming nor aggravating but requires a grownup to handle the duties. Betty's name was mentioned, but she was not actually nominated. Erik thinks we should provide an irresistible inducement to go with such a High and Powerful Office, such as having BRCG pay for the President's suite at BeyondCon. The idea of two members serving jointly as co-presidents was introduced. This conflicts with the By-Laws, but on the other hand the By-Laws state that we can add any other officers deemed necessary by the members, and any assistants thereto. That would have to be done on motion. Julie thinks the office of Newsletter Editor should be retitled as Publications Supervisor. But technically speaking this is not really necessary since Article III Sec. 9 clearly states "The Newsletter Editor shall be responsible for all publications produced by the Corporation." Vicki has agreed to handle this office pro tem. Incumbent officers have agreed to serve for one more month, while nominations and ballots are prepared.

Other Business:

For Safari Sunday this February we may have serious lodging and border-crossing issues with the Olympics coming to Vancouver the next week.

We also need to check to see whether Dressew will be open on Sunday. Members should consider purchasing an Enhanced Drivers License, which is considerably cheaper than a passport.

Possible places to visit. Lisa likes the historical museum in Renton, but says the exhibits are mostly mechanical and mining stuff, with not much in the way of costume interest. Kate suggests we tour the Bellevue Doll Museum sometime in March. She will also find out about the Lolita/Doll con next summer. Lisa offered to host another Apron Party this summer.

The next Norwescon single pattern contest will be for a shoulder bag, and this time the entries will be displayed.

Announcements!

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41.

Next meeting, Tuesday November 17 at Spiro's Pizza and Pasta. Ed will make the reservation.