

BRCG Meeting Minutes June 2004

The June meeting of the Beyond Reality Costumer's Guild took place on June 22nd, one week later than scheduled, to accommodate the opening of the Science Fiction Museum in Seattle. I mean, we have to have some priorities, right?

Vicki, the Grand Pooh Bah, led off the meeting with a discussion about the BRCG Yard Sale, scheduled for July 17th. The group agreed to meet at Trixie's shop to set up at 7 AM, and host the sale from 9 AM to 4 PM. Erik volunteered to compose a web based flyer that could be printed and given to people or stores that might be interested in the sale. Audrey volunteered to contact the Seattle Times and Little Nickel and use guild funds to pay for an ad in each paper to run on the Saturday of the sale. Vicki was able to get an announcement of the sale published in "Westwind", the newsletter of the Northwest Science Fiction Society.

Audrey, the treasurer, reported that the membership survey cards were mailed out, and should be arriving at member's homes within the week. Audrey requested that all members reply to verify that their contact information and membership status is current. Audrey also announced she's considering creating an annual membership card, and possibly seeing if any local businesses would offer the guild discounts based on that card. It would provide extra benefit to members, and extra incentive to be current in dues.

Kate and Erik announced that they've been hard at work on developing a future event, "Tea Time of the Lesser Gods". The group tentatively scheduled the event for August 15th, but a message will be put on the Topica message board soliciting feedback on that date. The event will be free of charge, open to all, and held at Carkeek Park in Seattle. More details will be provided at the July meeting.

Erik (and yes it's weird writing about yourself in the third person) told the group that he was considering taking over the editorship of Notions, the guild newsletter, when Kate's current term is up in October. That would require a new Secretary for the guild to write out the meeting minutes. The most important criteria for Secretary is attendance to monthly meetings (and ability to write about yourself in the third person). The Guild sincerely hopes someone will step forward before the October Guild elections with an interest in serving as Secretary.

The meeting rounded out with a discussion about future Guild events. Kate proposed a workshop on alien weapons prior to our Fall Sci-Fi event. She also suggested that we get together at some point in the future to create more hall costume award ribbons. Trixie mentioned that she'd like to have the group discuss the possibility of some of our members taking a trip to

next year's Costume Con in Salt Lake City, Utah.

The meeting ended with a massive food fight. Not really. The next meeting will be July 13th at Olympia Pizza in Wallingford. We'll be working on the final details for our Yard Sale the following weekend.