

IFWA MEETING
Thursday, APRIL 7, 2016, 7:00 PM
Sentry Box
MINUTES

Information Items:

New Members: Adrian Ere (urban fantasy), Rob Easton

Time	Topic	Person
7:00 PM	<p><u>Crits for April, 2016</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crit 1: Lesley W (Juvenile Science Fantasy) Crit by Shannon, Swati • Crit 2: Kevin (Fantasy Ch 1) Crit by Ed, Richard C. 	<p>Shannon Shannon / Swati</p> <p>Ed / Richard C.</p>
	<p><u>Crits for May, 2016</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crit 1: Colin (historically inaccurate fiction) Crit by Adrian, Chris • Crit 2: Rick Overwater (Sci-fi Noir) Crit by Keith, Dave 	Shannon
8:00 PM	<p><u>Skills Session</u></p> <p>Character – Group Discussion – Written word</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What makes them interesting? • ie Paul Atreides in Dune • Holden Caulfield “Catcher in the Rye” • Add elements of backstory in a subtle manner so they are believable. 	Michael
8:30 PM	<p><u>Call for Agenda Items</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rene – Friday Night Readings • Improv – Panel 	Michael
8:35 PM	<p><u>Brag</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Susan Forest had lots to brag about this month: a) Calyx Art Show b) Strangers Among Us ed by Susan – Erika Holt is one of the authors in this anthology – Interviewed by Susan Forest • Chris Chupik – got his first fan • Randy McCharles – has been nominated again for the Aurora Awards both for WWC and his novel Much Ado About MacBeth • Ron Friedman – Made the first cut for Writers of the Future – first cut AND has an Aurora nom • Ed Wilson – finished novel – 574 pages – 310k since Sept 1 • Keith Hann - Ellery Queen – asked him to write an article on what makes a good Sherlock Holmes Story. • Rick Overwater – Bundoran Press – got best 	Michael

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	<p>rejection ever –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swati Chavda – her motivational book is now in paperback – she received her first fan mail Katie Harse – Burnt accepted story Calvin Jim – Got an A+ in last class – 8000 words in novel started 6 days ago. 	
8:40 PM	<p><u>Discuss / Decide</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Writers at the Improv – Panel Dave Worsick, Kevin, Katie Harst, Ed Willet, Swati, Val, Hayden, Richard (bearded) – Noon Saturday WWC Friday Night Readings – do we still want them? Do we have Fireside Room? 9 or 11 – tentatively we will have it – need hotel room – one of the IFWits will get hotel room we can use – book a room and we can bring in own food – Theme: Herding Cats – Budget \$200 – room party – shorter the better – 11 at night? Motion – Susan – IFWA rents room at WWC hotel on Friday night and have additional \$300 budget for food starting at 11 pm on theme of Herding Cats and Susan Forest will arrange readings – amend – up to \$300 for room and food – Ed seconds. No discussion – in Favor – 24 – Against – 2 Abstain – 9 – motion passes Short Story Contest Fundraising Report - ARWA and AWCS proposal. Susan – Alexandra Centre has asked us to provide proposal to ask for money ARWA – proposal for funding All 8 of slush readers and amazing judges – ARWA person, Constantine Kay (ed Sleuth Mag), Patrick Swenson, Adrienne Kerr Deadline – May 7 midnight – 4000 words or less Fundraiser – Shannon – working hard and diligently to make fundraising event - showcasing night – starting to receive private donations – U of C for space for showcase night – applications going in. Date – not yet determined Web Page Review – Wordpress Site needs to be shut down and new site needs maintenance. Ron will get rid of Wordpress Site – Current website – Claire is back – will send out e-mail about this – to Claire - - fix banner 	Michael Shannon / Susan
8:55 PM	<p><u>Announcements</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Darlene Louka is interested in Poetry and Steam Punk. I would like to hook up with some poets if you know any. I am organizing poetry for When Worlds Collide. I would like to find some poets who would I like to talk about how steam punk influences their poetry. I am also looking for someone who would like to talk about what steam punk is. E-mail Darlene Louka at: dhnlouka@hotmail.com Prix Aurora Awards ballot for 2016 is out here: 	Michael

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	http://www.prixaurorawards.ca/2016-aurora-award-ballot/	