

IFWA MEETING
Thursday, December 1, 2022, 7:00 PM
Zoom Online
MINUTES

Information Items: We are now in Hybrid meetings – Members can attend at the Sentry Box and others can attend online.

New Members: n/a

Attendance: 23 (8 at Sentry Box) (15 Online)

Time	Topic	Person
7:30 PM	<p><u>Crit for December</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crit 1: Sandy – short story set during World War II – crits by Lareina Abbot / Steve Swanson • Crit 2: Nicole Wilson – Ch 1 of fantasy novel WIP – princess to servant girl story – crits by Jim Sheasby / Michael Gillett 	<p>Selene O'Rourke</p> <p>Lareina / Steve</p> <p>Jim / Michael</p>
	<p><u>Crits for January, 2023</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None for January 	Selene O'Rourke
8:00 PM	<p><u>Skills Session</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Susan Forest – Finding Beta Readers 	Susan Forest
8:30 PM	<p><u>Call for Agenda Items</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holiday Announcement – Renee Bennett – pre-COVID, IFWA used to do Winter Arts sale of Christmas. It is re-starting – at Anna Bortolotto's – 524 – 13th Ave NE – This Saturday, December 3 (Private residence – be kind) 	Michael
8:35 PM	<p><u>Braggs</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lareina – working on novel and stuck – then got Calgary Arts Development grant to write biography of aunt • Sandy Fitzpatrick – (a) Interviewed by Randy Lacey for his 2023 podcast about poets and their works. Podcast name is Between the Lines. (b) Gary Renshaw and I will be presenting/panels for Wordbridge (in Lethbridge) Feb 25, 2023. • Tyche books taking last Enigma Front • Calvin – son graded and earned his Black Belt (Sho-Dan) 	Michael
8:40 PM	<p><u>Discuss / Decide</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skills – Need a February Skills Session. • Shared Authors Table – Sandy – WWC – Get together with Renee. May need to limit number of books per person because it is so huge 	Michael

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WWC is closing down. IFWA members need to bring ideas to the table for Panels. Will discuss more in January but need these ideas no later than March, 2023. 	
8:55 PM	<p><u>Announcements</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing Retreat - Dates: January 16-19, 2023 (4 nights) – at W.O Mitchell Centre (near Sundre) – link is here: https://www.ursaretreatcentre.com/ - All those interested would email Michael Gillett and then pay Karl Buchner directly (Karl will pay centre). Right in foothills – 25 miles north of Cochrane. Shared accommodation and bedrooms. Booked for an early start Monday morning. \$104 per night and includes 3 meals a day. Do writing in a loft with room for 60 people. Wonderful social experience. Karl will try to get 16-20 people from IFWA to come out. We'd love to have the whole facility for 13 - which will give us enough for exclusive use. As of now, we have 10 confirmed with 4-5 possibles. June writer's retreat had similar numbers. Contact Calvin or Michael and get names to Karl. There are 11 paid attendees • 	Michael
	<p><u>Calls for Submissions</u></p>	

Next Meeting: January 5, 2023

Skills Session: Ron Friedman – Decoding Greatness – Reverse Engineering Bestsellers

If you have a Presentation you would like to give at an IFWA Meeting, please contact our Skills Session guru, Glen Brown: glenezbrown@gmail.com