

GLAHW
Meeting Minutes
Feb 7, 2010

Members present:

Michael Cieslak

Rob and Peggy Christie

Tom Sawyer

Peggy Lee

MontiLee Stormer (skype)

Adam and Jennifer Gifford (skype)

Meeting called to order by Adam at 1:24pm

Old Business

Horror Themed Cookbook:

- Jennifer has heard from Shutterfly, which doesn't want to give us the right cover for the cookbook. Jennifer is trying to get us a discount. Shutterfly contact suggested we should try to get coupons and order using them.
- Books are \$30 each.
- Lulu will try to work with us on some kind of deal.

Anthology:

- Next anthology theme is Apocalypse

Website Directory:

- Do we want to have a list of members on the site for everyone to be able to access their individual emails for group? It was decided we need permission from the members to put their email address on the site.

Cinema Wasteland Convention:

- Tom Sawyer asked if the secretary could please send the email again to the entire group about carpooling to Cinema wasteland.

GLAHW Trademark:

- The trademark for our GLAHW logo would be \$200. Do we want to save money and simply claim it as a trademark? Group decided that the cheaper option is the best way to go since it is still legally binding. Rob suggested for an additional layer of protection we should copyright the logo. MontiLee pointed out that it is copyrighted because it showed up on the antho and mag. Problem solved.

Traveling Writer's Seminar:

- Reported on the progress of the proposed traveling writer's seminar. MontiLee and Tracy are working on it, coming up with topics. Royal Oak and Clawson have been contacted and we are waiting to hear from them about a fee. ML and Tracy propose a ½ day seminar, ½ hour per topic. They are soliciting ideas. Tom added that Todd mentioned doing something up at Mackinac Island. It will be considered down the line, when we see how workable the seminars are. Michael has topics he will send to MontiLee.

Motor City ComicCon:

- The booth must be reserved and Jennifer is taking care of that. Proposed that those who want to sell their stuff should kick in for the extra table. \$150 was the cost last time. Ton asked if we are still using the banners and decorations. (It was agreed to do that). Jennifer will email the group to see who wants to contribute to the extra table. Rob told dimensions are 8ft high for the PVC display, table is 8ft long. Rob suggested to make it narrower and use it as a backdrop, to make room for Michaels' banners. In the past he had some pens made up, which we still have, so this year he suggested candy bars which he could do for us - he has a huge credit with the company that makes them. Tom agreed to contact Dave Harvey and have him get in touch with Rob for the Vector format needed for the logo.

Toronto Wizard World Convention:

- Tom Sawyer is going to this con with Brian Bierly to hand out promotional items for the group.

New Business

Member At Large:

- Tracy Stapleton has accepted the position of member-at-large. She needs email and password for her official email. Adam will send her the description of what the position entails.

Email string:

- Updated and ready to go. Peggy Lee will send out email list to officers on Tuesday. The secretary will keep it up to date as new members join, and send out updates if they exist, once every month.
- Motion called to vote on whether to have one email address per member. Seconded by Rob. Vote was yes. Motion carried.

Meeting Day:

- Motion to move the meeting to Saturday instead of Sundays. Discussion: more choice for library spaces, (Royal Oak charges) going to poll members if Saturday is easier to make the meetings. The secretary will send out an email to the group asking if they would like the meeting to be Saturday at noon instead of Sunday at 1:00pm, second weekend of each month.

Formality of Group:

- Adam believes the group is getting too formal. The general consensus is that for business purposes, the group needs to be formal, however those present do agree that once per month we should get together for fun activities, such as movies and other impromptu fun. Members are to let MontiLee know if there is an event that they want her to organize for the group.

Dues:

- Request for dues has gone out. Jen has given the membership the option to snail mail payment to her or to use PayPal.
- Rob commented that every group he belongs to sends out naughty list of those who don't pay.
- Jen lets them know that after 90 days they are taken off the mail string, and off email list then off the members' board.

Move to adjourn the meeting was made by Rob, seconded by MontiLee and Peggy, meeting finished at 2:11pm

Next meeting set for March 14th. 1:00 location TBD

Rob will check with Troy library Peggy Lee will check with Bloomfield Hills library.