

## OUR JUNE 2022 MEETING

It is with great sadness that we announce that fellow Spokane Authors and Self-Publishers member Stan Parks passed away just two days after our June 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. He will be missed by all of us.

Our June meeting was once again at the Shadle Library. Members in attendance included: Gena Bradford, Caryl Briscoe-Michas, Greg Clark, Larry Danek, Ed Des Autel, Sue Eller, Tiffani Harvey, Bob Hildahl, Esther Hildahl, Marilee Hudon, Bob Manion, Sandy Mason, Dave McChesney, Rich McKay, Carl Northrup, Kate Poitevin, Linda Sonntag, Bob Weldin, and Elinor Young. There were possibly others present your reporter could not connect to a name. Again, apologies if you attended and are not listed as having been there. We also welcomed a small number of guests.

Our speaker was fellow Spokane Authors and Self-Publishers member Elinor Young. She is the recently published author of *Running on Bad Legs: My Journey to Joy*. It is a reflection on and details the time she spent with the Kimyal Tribe in Papua, Indonesia. Having had polio as a child, the Kimyal named her “Bad Legs.”

Elinor spoke about her publishing process and mentioned she had joined the Independent Book Publishers Association and used that to find someone who would be the ideal fit for her publishing needs. The association enabled her to decide which company was good and which was not, who was reliable and who was not, etc. She eventually decided to publish via a hybrid format, believing it was best for her needs. Elinor published with Redemption Press and worked with Redeemed Recording for the audio version.

She also introduced Emily, who narrated the audio version and Emily played the first minute or so of the book for us. Elinor mentioned the Kimyal language communicates in pictures, and that she wrote her book “for younger generations, so

they don't have to live in brokenness.”

Following a short break, several members announced upcoming events. Carl Northrup said he'd be at Colville's Coffee and Books the next day. He also has a white erase/magnetic reader board available for whomever might need it. Sandra Mason announced a book signing at Auntie's Bookstore on Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 3 pm. Kate Poitevin and Sue Eller planned to be at the Northwest Tattoo Museum on Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup> of June.

Kate also mentioned that the real-life version of the character Zachary from her *Saving Tir Gaeltacht* books would soon be a father. Tiffani Harvey told us she would be at the Spring Fling Vendor Market, sponsored by Heavenly Specialty Teas on Saturday, 11 June. The location is 1817 N. Division St. in Spokane.

As President, Sue Eller reminded us to try and write reviews if we read fellow members' books. Reviews can be posted on applicable on-line vendor locations. As well, they can be added to the list of reviews on the Spokane Authors and Self-Publishers web-site ([www.spokaneauthors.org](http://www.spokaneauthors.org)). Additionally, Sue mentioned that we are looking for some “ten-minute speakers” to talk briefly about some aspect of writing, publishing, or marketing during the second half of our meetings. If anyone is interested they can contact Sue, Vice-President/Public Relations Person Marilee Hudon, or Treasurer/Editor/Web-Master Dave McChesney.

Next month's speaker will be Bill Riley, author of *Baghdaddy*, a memoir about his military service in the Middle East. He is now writing fantasy books for those aged eleven to fifteen. Our July meeting will be in the same room at the library where the previous two have taken place. Due to a scheduling situation, our August meeting will be in a slightly smaller room, but still at the Shadle Library. Following that we are scheduled to be back to our thus far normal room.

Finally, we drew tickets for the many door prizes donated by our members. Following that, we straightened up the room and departed for home.



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