## **OUR JUNE 2025 MEETINGS**

## Compiled by Dave McChesney

Spokane Authors met on Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at the Sans Souci West Club House. Members present included Caryl Briscoe-Michas, Joel Craig, Larry Danek, Mary DeBord, Betty Deuber, Sue Eller, Mark Lee Golden, Tina Hammond, Esther Hildahl, Bob Hildahl, Kevin Hostbjor, Joan Kopczynski, Amy Logan, Bob Manion, Dave McChesney, Carl Northrup, Sandra Philbin (and spouse), Mikel Stevenson )and spouse), Elena Smith, and Terry Stratton. Gary Edwards attended as a guest.

President Carl Northrup introduced Vice-President Sue Eller, who in turn introduced our guest speaker, Tina Hammond, a fellow member of Spokane Authors. She spoke about working with an editor to improve the quality of one's work. During her presentation she had us go over three short paragraphs that possibly needed editing, and that resulted in a group discussion. She also talked about common discrepancies, such as the overuse of *that* or *just*. Additionally, she mentioned including excessive detail, not enough detail, and reaching historical agreement. Tina also talked a little about *that* vs. *who* or *which*.

She had also compiled a large packet of information on the topic, and it will be (was sent) via email to all active members of Spokane Authors. Additionally, her presentation was recorded and can be found on You Tube at: <u>https://youtu.be/CdhPehIC-3A</u>

Spokane Authors also met on Saturday June 21, at the St. Francis of Assisi Social Hall. Attendance was light, with Carl Northrup, Bob Manion, Terry Stratton, and Dave McChesney showing up. Carl had purchased ad couple dozen or so bookstands for use at our Friday meetings and passed them on to Dave, who will in turn pass them along to our equipment person, Bob Hildahl.

While those there waited to see if anyone else was going to arrive, a general conversation ensued, and for the most part it was not directly connected with writing or publishing. At various times such things as Naval Aviation occupied the interest of those there.

Once it was understood no one else was coming, we packed up and went home, or to wherever we were scheduled to be, making sure as we left that the building was properly locked up.



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