

Our January 2019 Meeting

Correction: Last month we erroneously listed the title of Tiffani Harvey's workbook. It is, *Growing Independent*. The recently released more mainstream version is *Freedom Seeking*.

Incoming President Jim Parry started off the meeting by relating a scary story that ended as a pun. He then thanked Esther Hildahl for her time and dedication as President, and continued on to thank everyone having and doing various tasks for Spokane Authors and Self-Publishers. These included Kate Poitevin, Marilee Hudon, and Dave McChesney. Jim also noted that incoming Treasurer Bob Weldin is facing some medical problems and will not be able to fulfill the duties of that office. We are therefore looking for someone to serve as our Treasurer.

Jim brought up the hand bell that has been a part of SASP since the early days, wondering what the membership thought about it... whether we should continue to use it or not.

We had two guests attending the meeting. Jolene Feher, a long time former member came along with Joan Carter and has since rejoined the group. Gilbert



Stapleton came to see if he could find someone to act as a ghostwriter or perhaps as an editor for a writing project he is working on. Sandy Philbin, who was a guest last month came once again and has now become a member.

Vice-President Sue Eller introduced our guest speaker Sharma Shields. Sharma's presentation was

informative, interesting, and entertaining. Not necessarily in this order, she talked about her writing career, what she writes, her connections to local libraries, and even a little about income from writing. She then spent several minutes answering questions posed by members of the group.

Following our break, Vice-President Sue Eller told us that copies of our anthology, *Celebrating Spokane Authors* was selling quite well at Auntie's Bookstore and they wished to keep copies on hand for future sales. Kate Poitevin said her daughter had gotten her involved in something called "StoryWorth," and that she was looking forward to its eventual completion.

Bob Manion told us he'd been in contact with Bob Dugoni and Pam Binder of the Pacific Northwest Writers Association in Seattle. That group is looking at hosting a one day, two track conference or workshop in the area. Currently they are putting out feelers as to what sort of interest there would be in something like that. Currently there is no time frame, location, or cost. Much depends upon how much interest there is. The more interest, the cheaper it would be. They are also looking at holding it either in the Spokane area or perhaps in Post Falls. If anyone is interested, please get in touch with Bob Manion and let him know. Alternatively you can contact SASP via the official e-address (authors@spokaneauthors.org) and leave word. We will also be contacting the Coeur d' Alene Chapter of the Idaho Writers League, and quite possibly some of the other writers organizations in the area.

Esther Hildahl asked about a list of Little Free Libraries. Marilee Hudon said one could go to www.littlefreelibraries.com to find lists and maps of locations.

Jim Parry mentioned that our file of book reviews had grown slightly. He had reviewed Chuck Lehman's *Angels Three Six*. (Additionally, Larry Danek had reviewed a book called *Haunted Murder* by D. J. Jewett, which was also added to the reviews available on the SASP web-site.)

As suggested by Dennis Held and agreed to by President Jim Parry, we will bring back the Ten Minute Discussion feature of our meetings. At our next meeting Dennis will use a few visual aids to talk about dialogue, and in particular, punctuation within dialogue. If you have any thoughts or questions about the topic, be prepared to ask or make the information known.

Our meeting ended with a drawing for door prizes. Winners included our guest speaker Sharma Shields, Fred Jessett, Joyce Caudel, Sandy Philbin, Sandy Mason, and Betty Deuber.

We are scheduled to meet next on Thursday the 7th of February. Currently we do not have information on a program for our February meeting, but as soon as we do it will be available in “Programs” on our web-site.



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