

Our November 2021 Meeting

Spokane Authors and Self-Publishers has now met four times since returning to in person meetings as the pandemic fades slightly. At our November 4th gathering at Golden Corral, we were joined by Caryl Briscoe-Michas, Sue Eller, Arthur Greenfield, Esther Hildahl, Bob Hildahl, Steve Lalonde, Chuck (and Marian) Lehman, Sandy Mason, Dave McChesney, Carl Northrup, Kate Poitevin (and daughter), Linda Sonntag, Wayne Spitzer, and Bob Weldin.

The primary business of the day was to conduct an election to select officers and advisory board members for the next year. (Since we delayed our election a year due to the pandemic, it was suggested and approved by those present that we would hold elections again next year and then resume our standard two years between elections.) Some members had e-mailed ballots back, others brought completed ballots to the meeting, while still others had to obtain and fill out a ballot while there. When all votes were tabulated, we ended up with the following results.

President:	Sue Eller	18 votes
Vice President	Natalie Streeter	6 votes
	MJ Hudon	11 votes
Secretary	Linda Sonntag	18 votes
Treasurer	Dave McChesney	18 votes
Advisors	Esther Hildahl	16 votes
	Chuck Lehman	18 votes
	Bob Weldin	16 votes
	Dennis Held	1 vote
	Kate Poitevin	1 vote

Congratulations to the election winners, **bolded above**.

A number of members brought us up to date on writing, publishing, and marketing endeavors. Sue Eller noted that she, M. J. Hudon, and Larry Danek were scheduled to be at the Central Valley High School Craft Fair that upcoming (November 6th and 7th) weekend. However, due to illness in the family, it was unlikely Larry would be able to participate. Esther Hildahl talked a little about her most recent book marketing efforts, including selling thirty-one books at Mt. Spokane High School, fifteen at Rodgers High School, and fifty-eight books in only 6 hours at Chattaroy! Esther also mentioned she and Bob would be at the Shadle Park High School Craft Fair November 6th and 7th.

Steve Lalonde told us he'd had a book signing in Washtucna, Washington, his hometown, and that he'd been working with a critique group made up largely of former students. Sandy Mason noted an upcoming signing for her new book, *Into the Fire*. Wayne Spitzer talked a bit about some of his latest books.

Dave McChesney mentioned that he was trying to post information and links to everyone's books on Twitter and that he would be at Shadle Park along with Bob and Esther Hildahl.

As the meeting wound down, we conducted a door prize drawing for the first time in over a year and a half. Prizes consisted of several members' books and a print of a member's cover art, all donated by the respective members. Winners included Kate Poitevin, her daughter, Carl Northrup, Sandy Mason, Chuck Lehman, Steve Lalonde, Bob Weldin, and Sue Eller.

Apologies to anyone whose contribution to our meeting did not make it into this accounting. Those charged with recording the events were distracted by the additional task of tabulating votes and the lack of a PA system making it more difficult to hear.



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