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April News Letter

6th April 2021

Present: 12

Apologies: Malcolm, Audrey, Denis, Janet, Rosalie, and Michael.

Hello All, with the rather inclement weather, our numbers were greatly reduced including the good Mrs. Bestmann, our able Scribe. So, on this occasion, you will have to accept a rather amateurish Newsletter.

Pleasure to see Lorraine at the meeting. She gave a brief talk about “Writers’ Grapevine” and the difficulties she faces to produce the publication and distribute on time on the first of the month. Being a one-person band, it is indeed a big undertaking, and she has been doing it for eight and a half years now. I have been rather remiss in distributing “Writers’ Grapevine” of late so I will get my act together and distribute it to members. Lorrain estimates the electronic publication is received by some 8000 people, stretching from Russia, England, USA and Malaysia.

Chair Peter outlined the attempt to obtain less expensive accommodation within MBRC ‘The Hub’ complex which has not been at all successful. The attempt to obtain a Council Grant seems to be thwarted by the fact that CWL is looking for a grant that is not tangible like a coffee machine. However, Member Bakthi says that there are grants available for transport, so another attempt will be made for some rent relief.

Russell printed a balance sheet and currently it stands at \$455.09 plus today’s \$60.00 receipt.

The March meeting idea put forward by chair Peter for a joint authorship of four different Novellas to be combined into one Novel was discussed at length. The idea was modified somewhat, and it was decided to basically scrap the proposal and take a different approach.

So, for **May’s Homework** it was decided, rather than the usual homework format, we ask that members write:

- A synopsis for a story.
- Outline a character or two to fit a first paragraph.
- Write an opening paragraph.

- Plan out a story line and plot.

The plan is to (as we did in the past when Jock was Chairperson) is to put all ideas on the Whiteboard, and see if we can come up with an idea that is acceptable to everybody.

Of course, the 'story' will be fiction but follows any genre the member chooses and then as a group, we will see what comes out of it when all contributions are presented in the May meeting.

Lorraine has tentatively agreed to run the work, whatever format/genre it takes as a serial in Grapevine.

Now, for those whose preferred genre is NON fiction, that reason was blown out of the water by the brilliant homework presentations from members today.

It appears that the way the homework exercise was presented by yours truly to Janet, it was misunderstood. The only person to follow the suggested format was the chairperson himself. All other members who presented Homework incorporated every word in the three lines of eight word, 24 words!! All should be congratulated. I really urge members who did the exercise to send an electronic version to Russell so he can put them up on the CWL website. Well done folk.

Well, because the chairperson was talking and trying to take notes, if that person has missed a point or two from today's meeting, please let him know and he will edit this newsletter.

I guess you know who I am referring to?



Peter