

Sherlock Holmes Minutes

November 3, 2019

There were 19 in attendance including 3 guests, (Julie and Mike McKuras, and Bonnie MacBird).

We started the meeting with an excellent toast given by Karen Olsen dedicated to the Baskervilles Hound. This was followed by the quiz after lunch, on the story from the canon, "A Scandal in Bohemia". The first-place prize went to Karen Olsen, and second place to Anne Caddell. Karen was awarded the Game, "Scotland Yard" and Anne received a copy of the Book of limericks written by members of the Crew of the Barque Lonestar, called "The Canon Five Lines at a Time".

The First Mate made the announcement that there will be no movie night this month, but on November 15, the Half-Price Bookstore on Northwest Highway will be hosting a movie night and will show The Hound of the Baskervilles. There will also be a costume contest and a trivia quiz. Half-Price has requested that the Crew submit questions for the trivia quiz.

Liese Sherwood Fabre updated the group on the Bouchercon Mystery Writers Conference that is currently being held in Dallas. Julie and Bonnie, both members of the BSI, were also both presenters at the conference. There was also a Sherlock Holmes conference on Sunday morning that Liese took part as a panel member. The panel was called Sherlock Holmes and Women. Les Klinger narrated the conference. Also, Dallas Sherlockian Laurie King was on the panel.

The Bloomington conference is the weekend of November 8-10. This will be to celebrate the relocation of the Shelockian archives from Harvard to the Lily Library at the University of Indiana.

We are heard that the Left Coast Conference recently held in Portland, was a big hit and will be held again next year.

The book of limericks by the Crew of the Barque Lonestar has been released and each contributing Member got two copies of the book. Steve Mason and Liese Sherwood Fabre did a great job of pulling the book together.

After the meal, Julie McKuras talked about the Sherlockian archives at the University of Minnesota. It is now the largest collection of Sherlockiana in the Country and is housed on campus at the Anderson Library. There are in excess of 60,000 items in the collection, including the collection of William Baring-Gould, Vincent Sterrett, the Federic Dor Steel collection, the John Bennett Shaw collection, Edith Meiser and others. The collection is kept 85 feet underground at a continuous temperature of 65 degrees.

Prior to the close of the meeting Bonnie MacBird provided a wonderful reading from her latest book, "The Devil's Due".

The Closing Reading was from the Editor's Gaslamp, Spring 2011, and was called "Dream the Impossible". It was presented by Cindy Brown.

The next meeting will be December 1, and we will be discussing "The Red-Headed League".