

Minutes of the Meeting of the Crew Baroque Lone Star

February 2, 2020

Attendance 23

We opened the meeting with a toast to Macavity to Mystery Cat, a poem by T. S. Elliott, who was a big admirer of Arthur Conan Doyle.

The quiz on the story The Boscombe Valley Mystery was won by one of our youngest members Eleanor Hebert.

The Third Mate made the announcement that our next book to be published by the Crew, will be stories Sherlockians have developed from the agony columns from the English newspapers of the 18th century. The stories should be submitted by the end of August 2020. We then had a lengthy discussion about the codes people used when they put articles in the agony columns. Liese had found a book entitled, "The Agony Column-Codes and Cyphers".

The Third Mate then mentioned that announcements for the 2020 Jan Stauber Grants has come out and grant applications can now be accepted. The grantee may now be awarded up to \$750 for this year's grant project. The announcement has been sent to hundreds of libraries, schools, etc. in an effort to encourage people to submit grant applications.

The Crew will be having a 50th anniversary party at the home of Karen and Charles Olsen, on April 11, 2020. Details will follow.

Don Hobbs noted that we need to start forming committees to handle the 2021 upcoming Sherlockian conference in Dallas, TX. Don, Jim Webb, Walter Pieper, Steve Mason, and Cindy Brown will be meeting with the SMU committee on Thursday, February 6, to start the process.

James Robinson gave a wonderful presentation called, "The World of Sherlock Holmes". He gave a history of the Victorian Age, and Sherlock Holmes's long and wide influence in law enforcement throughout the world. He then gave a brief history of the amazing life of Arthur Conan Doyle. Sherlock Holmes has been portrayed in more than 250 movies and on stage, by more than 84 actors. Sherlock Holmes still has a big influence on criminology. In addition, Holmes and Watson are one of the most famous partnerships in literature. He also noted that the famous poem by Vincent Sterrett, "221B" was written during WWII, and the Battle of Britain, and still holds meaning today.

Tim Kline and Diane Tran gave some excellent examples of the 50th year logo which they have been designing. We were all very pleased with their ideas. Steve Mason is going to send out the designed to the club members and we will vote on the design we prefer for the logo.

Diane Tran won the Lightning Round.

Alan mentioned than he will talk to Tom at the Allen Public Library about the next Sherlockian symposium. We need topic, ideas and a theme for this event. Angela won the drawing.

The closing toast was giving by Eleanor and was a reading from the Baker Street Journal, winter 2011.

We anticipate our next upcoming movie night at Walter Pieper's home on Saturday, February 8, 2020.