

Minutes of the Crew of the Barque Lone Star, January 6, 2019

There were 25 in attendance at the January meeting of the Crew of the Barque Lone Star.

Ann Caddell opened the meeting with a toast to the greatest criminal in all the Sherlock Holmes adventures, Prof. James Moriarty.

The Crew then took a quiz on today's story, *The Three Gables*. The winner of the prize was Karen Olsen and coming in second was Ann Caddell. Both received prizes for their winning answers.

Cindy Brown gave a presentation on the science of phrenology, which prompted a number of questions on the subject.

The Third Mate, Steve Mason, gave an update on the State of the Society. We had a very busy 2018, with many presentations, including a remote presentation, but a college student in Missouri. We were reminded that we have been vigilant in keeping good thoughts and prayers going out to our members who have had health issues in the past year. This included Walter and Linda Pieper, who have been gracious enough to open their home for the monthly Saturday Movie Night. Backups for the movie night were Liese Sherwood Fabre and Cindy Brown. We have been represented well at conferences all over the country, including the BSI in New York, the Indiana Conference, the Dayton Conference, the St. Louis Conference, and 221B.con conference.

The Crew published its second book in 2018, entitled "A Grimmer Holmes", which had Sherlock Holmes solving fairy tale mysteries. Liese was extremely helpful in getting the book formatted and published. She was also published in the Baker Street Journal as well as other fiction outlets in the past year.

The Crew conducted two symposiums in the Dallas area. Allen Osborne was instrumental in organizing the symposium at the Allen Public Library.

Steve reminded us to ask at our local libraries if they would like to have a Sherlock Holmes exhibit at their library assuming they have a display case.

It was noted in the year's accomplishments that the Olsons were kind enough to host two Sherlock Holmes parties at their house, the Labor Day party, and the Christmas Tea.

The club continues to have a lending library to people to borrow or trade a Sherlockian book.

It was mentioned that Steve has been in touch with the Alamo Draft House and is proposing the idea of showing a Sherlock Holmes movie periodically at the Draft House.

The flagship Half Price Bookstore on Northwest Highway has started to show movies on Friday evening on the third Friday of each month, and we are pursuing the idea of asking them to show a Sherlock Holmes movie from time to time.

As part of the monthly handouts, Steve Mason has started to make three crossword puzzles based on the stories from the Canon.

It was noted that in April 2019, the club will be celebrating its 50th anniversary. And we recognized the three founding members (posthumously) Francis Smith, Bullet Lowry, and Bill Beason. Beason was apparently known for his ability to write limericks.

Steve's next goal for the club is to write and publish a book of limericks for each of the Sherlock Holmes stories. He went on to explain that a limerick is a five-line poem, with the first, second, and fifth line rhyming. And the third and fourth line rhyme. Steve gave an example by reading a limerick from the Hounds of the Internet.

The Dallas Arboretum is hosting a Sherlock Holmes mystery tonight.

Steve announced that Cindy Brown has been asked to lead the Grants Committee of the Beacon Society for the BSI.

The Third Mate mentioned that it is so pleasant to spend time with a group of people who continue to support each other as tightly as our club does.

He reminded all present to continue to look for opportunities to share Sherlock Holmes.

Steve closed the meeting with a reading from the Autumn 2006 Baker Street Journal, "On the Street Where You Live". This was a reading about the exact location of 221 B Baker Street, and how it really is located in our hearts.