November 2022 NASFA Minutes

by Steve Sloan

The November meeting of the North Alabama Science Fiction Association was called to order on Saturday, November 19, 2022 in the Madison satellite location of Willowbrook Baptist Church at 6:05:19 PM by President Mary Lampert. The crickets were out of batteries.

OLD BUSINESS

Bubkes.

Steve read the previous nominations from October (Mike K. for everything but VP) but completely forgot about the nominations from September.

Judy nominated Gary for something with an immediate NO.

Randy nominated the current slate of officers, and Gene seconded.

Sam nominated Judy and Jim as Notacon co-chairs, seconded by multiple people. There was discussion of a troika of Judy, Jim, and Mary that didn't go any further.

Jim nominated Mike K. for DSC 70 bid chair. Mike responded with expletives and a "no" in there somewhere.

Jim declined the nomination for all offices from back in September.

Judy moved to close nominations, and was seconded.

NEW BUSINESS

Judy reminded the club that we planned a Christmas party for the December meeting, which will include a gift exchange in the \$10-\$15 range. The December meeting and Christmas party was set for 12/17 at 3 PM at the usual meeting location at Willowbrook Madison.

Prior to the vote, the officer nominations were:

President: Mary Lampert, Mike Stone Vice President: Gary Shelton, Mike Stone

Secretary: Steve Sloan, Mike Stone Treasurer: Sam Smith, Mike Stone

Programming Director: Judy Smith, Mike Stone

Publicity: Sam Smith, Mike Stone

Notacon chair: Judy Smith and Jim Kennedy unopposed

President: Mary got 7 votes and Mike got 2 votes. Vice President: Gary got 9 votes and Mike got 2 votes. Secretary: Steve got 8 votes and Mike got 3 votes. Treasurer: Sam got 8 votes and Mike got 3 votes.

Programming Director: Judy got 7 votes, and Mike got 4 votes.

Publicity: Sam got 6 votes and Mike got 3 votes. Notacon chair: Judy and Jim won 7 votes to 2.

CON BUSINESS

Mike K. gave his DeepSouthCon 60 con report: We only had about a third as many attendees as we wanted. All attendees said good things. Some tee-shirts still need to be mailed out.

Judy commented that you should talk to her first if you want to hold a convention at Embassy Suites in Huntsville.

Sam gave his DSC 60 treasurer's report: Almost all tee-shirts had been mailed. As of the November NASFA meeting, we were \$6676 in the hole, leaving a \$627 shortfall in the checking account. Sam donated money to make up the difference. The con had received various weird letters and ads in the mail. If you have an outstanding check from DSC 60, please deposit it ASAP so Sam can close out the con's finances by the end of the month.

Mike K. gave a hearty thanks to DSC 60 workers, department directors, and especially the con suite staff.

As newly elected Notacon co-chair, Judy announced that there will be a Notacon in 2023. However, the usual hotel will not be available on the usual third weekend in October.

Randy gave a DSC 60 art show report: Sam Kennedy donated four prints to the con. There was some discussion of what to do with them. Randy will bring them to the Christmas party and we can make a decision there.

Judy moved to adjourn at 6:33:58 PM.

The November program was Modularity, a program DSC 60 Master of Ceremonies Norman Cates previously held at the New Zealand WorldCon. One partner sculpts a Play-Doh creation while the other guesses the sculpture in a creative variant of Charades. The After the Meeting Meeting was held at the same location as the meeting.