Beyond Reality Costumer's Guild Meeting Minutes April 20, 2010

Guild president Marie Cooley called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM at Spiro's in Shoreline. Other members in attendance included: Tina Comroe, Paula Dolinko, Kathy Evans, Vicki Glover, Susan Locsin (and Arsenio), Kate McClure, Erik Prill, Kier Salmon, Lisa Satterlund, Victoria Shaffer, Joanne Spink, Jonnalyhn Wolfcat, and Julie Zetterberg.

Marie began by thanking the volunteers at Norwescon this year, who helped staff the guild table, hosting the post masquerade party, and volunteering backstage at the masquerade or as judges. Tina was applauded for winning Best in Show at this year's masquerade with her "Cthulhu's Jester" costume. Julie, Greg and Lisa won the Trixie award given by the BRCG. It was reported that many of the masquerade participants showed interest in finding out more about the costumer's guild.

The guild VP, Kate, admitted that she's adding new vices every day, and invited folks to her 50th birthday party that following weekend. There was no treasurer's report.

In old business, the Norwescon raffle was a great success. The costumer's trunk sewing box turned out to be the most prized item, receiving the most raffle tickets. Lisa reported having a few items still available to be raffled that she has at her house for future consideration, including a leather coat and a wool coat. The suggestion was made to photograph the hall costume ribbons, or winners with their ribbons, possibly with a disposable camera at the table. The idea will be considered for next year.

Marie believes we handed out about 60 Hall Costume Ribbons this year, leaving plenty in our supply for next year. Marie counted \$85 in the "bitch fund" by the end of Sunday to benefit Trixie's dogs. Lisa reported that 7 guild T-Shirts were sold. The request was made that when we do get around to reordering t-shirts we concentrate on the larger sizes, as those are the one's selling the quickest. Julie put out a challenge to get more guild members to enter the masquerade next year to increase the number of participants. Victoria promised to do so, and asked the guild to remind her that she had promised to do so next year. Lisa was pleased to report a successful post masquerade party in her room at the hotel.

In new business, it was requested that we re-work the costumer's crash kit prior to next year's Norwescon. It apparently is missing scissors and other essential items. Julie, Kate and Tina volunteered to work together on improving the crash kit.

This year's summer event will be Lisa's Swingin' 60's Apron Party on August 7th. That will also be the day to celebrate Lisa's 50th birthday.

Several ideas for our Fall Event were discussed, including Steampunk Zombies, Return of the Living Debs, Monster Mash, Prom Night Recreation or Worst Nightmare. Tentatively, Monster Mash was selected as the theme to be finalized at a future meeting. September 25th was proposed as the event date, and Marie agreed to contact the Queen Anne Christian Church to check on their availability for that date.

Looking ahead to BeyondCon 2011, Victoria suggested the theme of "Alterations", or making this from that. After discussion, the theme was changed to "Costumer's Chop Shop".

Vicki brought funds from the BRCG items sold at the Norwescon fan swap meet. She reported selling about 30 pieces, and donated \$50 to the "bitch fund". Kier even bought a leather coat that Vicki had returned that evening, so those funds were added to the total as well. Vicki expressed thanks for all of the people who helped her at Norwescon this year, especially with her mask making panel, since Vicki wasn't feeling too well at the time.

Julie is bringing ICG proxy forms to CostumeCon this year. It was reported that the ICG is switching to an electronic newsletter soon.

Kate reported attending a LARP (Live Action Role Playing) event at JoAnne Kirley's location "Dryad's Rest" and having a great time there. Kate also reported that JoAnne is in the process of selling some of the costumes from her shop.

Victoria reported that online registration for SteamCon 2010 is now available. They have an affiliated event, Steampunk University, on Saturday May 8th in Seattle. JoAnne Kirley will be teaching a panel at that event. The vendor's fair will be free to the public at that event.

Julie announced that registration for this year's "Zombie Walk" has begun, and that event will take place on July 3.

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 PM. The next meeting will be at Goldie's Airport Way on May 18th.

Events of Interest:

Victoria Steam Exposition – Empress Hotel Victoria, BC May 22-23 www.victoriasteamexpo.blogspot.com Tickets still available at the door.

Paul Bunyan Rifle & Sportsman's Club Women's Primitive Skills camp event May 21-23 http://www.womensprimitiveskills.com/

Baycon, May 28-31 Santa Clara, CA www.baycon.org

Sound of the Baskervilles – volunteers for pledge drive for KBTC June 4, 6:30 Contact Judy Lyen 206-919-1161 jklyen@thewiredcity.net

"TAKING PATTERNS FROM HISTORIC GARMENTS" WORKSHOP Rosalie Whyel Museum of Doll Art. To be held in Bellevue, WA July 24. For details contact Shelly Foote at Mailto:satalexandria@aol.com. Exhibition at the Museaum, "The World Embellished-Lace!"

Costume College August 6-9 Woodland Hills, CA http://www.costumecollege.org/

Reconstruction (NASFIC) Aug 5-8 Raleigh, NC www.reconstructionsf.org

Lisa's 50's Birthday/Apron Event (August 7)

Fall BRCG Event – Sept. 25th Theme, time etc.TBA

Thrill the World 2010 October 30, 2010 9:30 PM www.thrilltheworld.com

Steam Con Seattle November 19-21, 2010 Seattle www.steam-con.com