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1. SUMMARY OF LAST GATEWAY MEETING

Tuesday, September 25, 2007
Crown Center, 8350 Delcrest Dr., St. Louis, MO 63124

Business Meeting 6:10-6:55 pm
Lucy Grondahl, President, Presiding

- Treasurer report by Lucy as Marcia out of town: Balance \$1000.08

- Motion by Rosemary Wilson and seconded by Marion Cohen to donate the National Storytelling Conference LEXC \$1000 Honorarium from NSN to Gateway per the contract to the St. Louis Storytelling Festival as well as any unused monies remaining from the Gateway \$555 donation from the April, 2007 Trivia Night designated for LEXC production expenses. All accounts not yet reconciled so total amounts pending. There was discussion that followed by members present. There was consensus of those present to TABLE the motion until the November 27, 2007 Gateway business meeting and consider what amount of these monies Gateway may want to retain for its own fiscal needs in 2008 after actual totals are known.

- Telephone Tree to contact Gateway members without e mail between meetings:
Coisetta Wright volunteered to be this communication person beginning in November, 2007.

- Marion Cohen read a letter from IRS to Gateway Storytellers related to new annual reporting requirements of non-profit organizations. Letter to be forwarded to Gateway Treasurer for necessary followup and any reply necessary to IRS.

- Lucy Grondahl reviewed details of a proposed Spring Gateway Storytelling Weekend at Trout Lodge, MO April 11-13, 2008. No decision yet reached on whether to do this project or not but Lucy will continue to gather necessary event planning details and report at the November 27 Gateway meeting.

- Rosemary Wilson reported that LEXC had submitted the final report for the National Storytelling Conference in St. Louis in July to NSN this week. It is 63 pages and available electronically upon request.

- Announcements: (contact Grapevine Editor, Rosemary, for details 314 997 3474)
National Storytelling Festival in Jonesborough, TN October 5-7
(Gateway Member Bobby Norfolk is a Featured Teller this year!)
Missouri River Storytelling Festival at the Katy Depot in St. Charles October 19-21
Tallahassee 2007 at Kirkwood First Presbyterian Church November 17 3-5 pm
Riverwind Whirlwind Weekend in IL April 30-May 3, 2008
Cape Girardeau Storytelling Festival April 4-6, 2008
St. Louis Annual Storytelling Festival May 1-3, 2008

- Introductions of new members and guests

2. STORY SWAP

About 36 people in audience (Gateway Members & Crown Center Residents)
Emcee Warren Wyman

CHRIS SUTTON (Zoo Interpreter and Storyteller) told a Native American tale of the gray bird found in Missouri and Illinois. Because of this bird's generous behavior to the other birds, the Great Spirit bestowed upon the gray bird the gift of its new name--"mockingbird." Thus, the mockingbird could sing the songs of all the other birds once he heard them. The Kiowa 'love flute' was played at one interval in the story.

HOWIE HIRSHFIELD told one personal childhood memory in which his always "on" imagination frequently took him in his New York City neighborhood to uncharted lands, interesting characters, and magnificent adventures even though he was really walking the local sidewalks and alleyways. He frequently ended up in trouble for being absent or tardy to some commitment but it never dampened this creativity.

ROBERT FISHBONE did a performance piece he had created for his personal invention of a "thunder" machine. Both a large and small "thunder" machine were used during the performance.

JOY NACK recited two lengthy poems from a book entitled *Revolt Rhymes--Satires on Nursing Rhymes*. The poems were "Red Riding Hood and the Wolf" and "The Three Pigs." They were both told as the second was a followup to the first.

BETSY MEHLMAN told a Yiddish story about the village woman who constantly complained and the results of such negative expressions. Finally, her condition was diagnosed by the village Rabbi who prescribed "saying nice things." It made all THE difference in this woman's life. In conclusion, she said, "Things are good!"

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- VOLUNTEER LAWYERS AND ACCOUNTANTS IN THE ARTS (VLAA):

There will be three fall courses of interest to individuals in the arts locally.
All events are \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door. These excellent mini courses held at Regional Art Commission on Delmar in University City.
Oct 8 Marketing and Professional Presentation for Artists 7:00 PM
Oct 15 Management for Creative People 7:00 PM
Oct 22 Career Planning for Artists 7:00 PM
VLAA website www.vlaa.org or call 314 863 6930

- STORY BEE--website to listen to professional storytellers spin their tales; grouped by age level categories; FREE; www.storybee.org

- LEWIS AND CLARK LIBRARY SYSTEM SHOWCASE--On Jan 19, 2008 from

9am-1 pm at the Edwardsville, IL Library System there will be 9 minute showcase times available as well as a display table for review by Metro-St. Louis librarians looking to book tellers for their summer reading programs; this is a FREE opportunity;
for details contact Marilyn Kinsella ASAP Tel: 618 397 1377

- TALK STORY PODCASTS--Jeff Gere, Hawaii, announces 36 podcasts on the website www.talkstoryradio.com Enjoy!

4. FINAL 2007 GATEWAY MEETING

Tuesday, November 27, 2007
Crown Center, 8350 Delcrest Dr, St. Louis, MO 63124

6:00 PM Business Meeting--Election of Officers 2008, Fiscal decisions for 2008,
Gateway Weekend Retreat decisions

7:00-9:30 PM Story Swaps--Let Warren Wyman know if you want to tell a story
Tel: 636 527 5542 or warren.wyman@msn.com

5. GATEWAY DATA BASE

If your address, phone, or e mail has changed, please give Editor, Rosemary Wilson, your updated information when you read this. We need your cell phone number if you

don't have a land line phone number. Keeping the data base current is important and facilitates swift and sure communication in those times when it is especially needed.

PS The Gateway website has the October Missouri Storytelling Festival and the November Tellabration details--CHECK IT OUT!
www.stlouisgatewaystorytellers.org

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