

OUR DECEMBER 2024 MEETINGS

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Spokane Authors met on Friday, December 13th at the Sans Souci West Club House. Members present included Caryl Briscoe-Michas, Larry Danek, Mary De Bord, Betty Deuber, Carolyn Eller, Sue Eller, Denise Guy, D. J. Guy, T. Hammond, Esther Hildahl, Bob Hildahl, Kevin Hostbjor, Marilee Hudon, Amy Logan, Bob Manion, Dave McChesney, Jon R. Miller, Carl Northrup, Terry Stratton, and Sarah Vail. We welcomed guest Grace Spitz.

John R. Miller announced publication of his first book, which deals with economics for normal people. Marilee Hudon noted she had received her first two-and-a-half-star review and was strangely thrilled to have received it. Denise and D. J. Guy were happy to say they had been able to break ties with the company that had published the original version of their children's book. Dave McChesney mentioned that all but six copies of the anthology had been sold to members of Spokane Authors at the reduced member price. (Over the course of the meeting, those copies were sold as well.)

As we typically do during December, the majority of time was given over to an Open Mic session in which members and guests could share short excerpts of their work with the rest of the group. Those reading were. Sue Eller, Any Logan, Dave McChesney, Caryl Briscoe-Michas, Esther Hildahl, Larry Danek, Mary De Bord, Carl Northrup (reading a story by Elena Smith who couldn't be here), Denise and D. J. Guy, Kevn Hostbjor, Bob Manion, and Terry Stratton. When Terry finished, our allotted time was nearly up, but we still had time to hold a drawing for door prizes. Once that was done, Carl declared the meeting adjourned and we left to our individual pursuits.

Spokane Authors also met on Saturday December 21st in the social hall of St. Francis of Assisi. Larry Danek, Denise Guy, D. J. Guy, Marilee Hudon, Bob Manion, Dave McChesney, Jon R. Miller, and Terry Stratton were there.

We had another open mic session, hearing from Larry, Terry, Dave, Jon, and Bob Manion, who read a portion of a piece he was writing as the others read. Larry asked for volunteers to beta read his next book, and a couple of the others in

attendance agreed to do so. We socialized for a while and then locked up and headed our separate ways.

We wish all our friends a warm Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday Season!



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