

## Our March 2018 Meeting



CHARLES OLIVER, founder of the Spokane Fiction Writers Group, spoke at Spokane Authors and Self-Publishers' March meeting. Currently with 67 members, SFWG meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month from 7 to 10pm. Their primary focus is helping members publish their work. At their meetings, they use overhead projectors to show each author's work. It is read aloud by someone other than the author and is then critiqued and discussed. More information is available at <https://www.meetup.com/Spokane-Fiction-Writers-Group/>

To date, SFWG has published three annual anthologies. Charles emphasized having clear submission guidelines to help avoid content issues. For example, they do not publish graphic sex and/or violence. At the same time, their guidelines do not exclude or ban any groups. They use *blind readers* from a 4-person review team to select items for publication. Contributing authors agree in writing not publish their work in a different venue for ninety days and receive a free copy of the published anthology. All sales proceeds from the Anthology go to the SFWG. To promote and publicize the anthology, they schedule readings and book signings at local bookstores, as does Spokane Authors and Self-Publishers.

We had several guests, new members, and returning members at our meeting. Among them was, Grant, who had visited us a year or so ago. Another visitor was a guest of his wife. Joining the group was Jodi Mayburry, and returning after a couple of years away was Joyce Wilkens. Welcome and welcome back!

President Esther Hildahl was not feeling well, so in her absence, Vice President Sue Eller led the business meeting. Members approved of Sue Eller, Beth Camp, and Caryl Briscoe-Michas to investigating the hosting a writers' conference with the Spokane Fiction Writers

Group, Inland Northwest Writers Guild, and the Idaho Writers League. If the conference goes forward this year, our next SASP Anthology will be postponed to 2019.

Kate Poitevin reported we were down to one printed copy of our anthology, and that we would be ordering another print run via Russ Davis and Gray Dog Press. She also noted a book signing at the Red Lion on March 16<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. Esther Hildahl will be participating in the Central Valley High School's Craft Fair the weekend of March 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. A number of other Spokane Authors and Self-Publishers will join Esther at various times over the weekend.

Beth Camp, Stan Parks, Bob Weldin, and Dave McChesney will read at the Touch Mark senior living facility on Spokane's South Hill at 1 pm on Thursday, the 8<sup>th</sup> of March. Beth also noted the arrival of the print version of her latest book, *Rivers of Stone*, and excitedly held up a copy for all to see.

Dave McChesney announced that Member Web-Pages had been constructed and posted for nearly all members paid for the 2018 membership year. He pointed out that some could be described as bare bones basic as there is very little information available regarding some members. Dave also suggested that folks who are not paid for 2018 should do so as soon as possible so that they too can have a web-page posted to the SASP web-site.

Door prize winners included Kylea Carter, Steve Webber, Dave McChesney, Bob Manion, and Kathleen Schrum.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday April 5<sup>th</sup>. Program information will be posted as soon as it is available.



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