Kansas Writers Association

Notes from Monthly Meeting

January 20, 2024

**Members – Guests Present: 16**

Catherine Alvarado (guest) Lydia Pico (guest/joined)

Brian Balzer Kathy Pritchett

Dustin Boettcher Serena Sechser

Starla Criser Ben Sutherland

Rebecca Kerschen (guest/joined) Beth Sutton (guest)

JaTonna Kirkwood Valerie Williams (guest)

Cindy Molello Bertram Wilson

Louise Pelzl Laura Wright (guest/joined)

General introductions of members and guests

Overall discussion on potential programs for the year. Request for anyone interested in helping with a program or finding someone to present a program. Decision made that programs should be for beginners (basic info) and for advanced writers.

Brief discussion of starting some kind of critique group(s), but no definite plans made to do so.

**Discussion of what a meeting would include:**

General introductions

Market news

Program #1

Break

Program #2

Possible member meetings if time allows

**Proposed program schedule for 2024**

\*NOTE: People indicated are either presenting the program or will look for potential speakers

*February* – Writing tools (Grammarly/Pro Writing Aid/technology/conventions) – Louise Pelzl,

Kathy Pritchett

*March* – Point of View/Show, Don’t Tell/Dialogue/Characterization – Louise Pelzl, Kathy

Pritchett

*April* – Pre-publishing/formatting (fonts/color schemes/cover size/agent and editor pitches

JaTonna Kirkwood and Louise Pelzl to find an agent to speak

Dustin Boettcher to check out agents at 2023’s Author’s Day

*May* – Special speaker: medical examiner/prosecutor – JaTonna Kirkwood’s dad speak as a

Former county examiner

Special speaker: fireman – Kathy Pritchett to talk with her son or someone from his

Department

Bail bonds program – Beth Sutton

*June* – Artificial Intelligence – Lark (Laura Wright), Rebecca Kerschen

*July* – Playwriting/Scriptwriting/Movies – Cindy Molello

*August* – World building – Wendell Skinner

\*Local Author’s Day at main library

*September* – History/Wichita history – JaTonna Kirkwood

*October* – Paranormal – Cindy Molello

*November* – Publishers – Kathy Pritchett

*December* – Holiday party