



Scriptwriters-Houston Meeting Minutes

June 15, 2020

Virtual Meeting

At 7:00 pm, President Rachel Dickson opened the virtual meeting with the following agenda:

Welcome – Rachel Dickson, President

- Rachel welcome everyone to the virtual meeting.

Ice Breaker Activity – Annamarie Flusche

Annamarie presented a true or false icebreaker. The answers are highlighted in yellow.

1. The Magna Carta was signed this day in 1215. **T** or F
2. The farther south one goes the warmer it gets. T or **F**

Covid-19 – Rachel Dickson/Bob Inger/John Miner/Brad Nies/Annamarie Flusche/Margie Walker

- Check-in to see how everyone is doing – all is well.

10x10

- SWH 10x10 Play Festival is cancelled for 2020. Since the 30-year anniversary is pushed back until 2021, use the extra time to come up with something really spectacular to commemorate the 30th anniversary. When more information become available on rental space, will decided on timing, either spring or fall.

Museum Plays

- The Contemporary Arts Museum of Houston (CAMH) contacted Rachel about the possibility of working together. No commitments from either side at this time.

Speakers – Annamarie Flusche

- Researching two speakers to present between now to the end of the year. One each to cover plays and film.

Pandemic Writing – Brad Nies

- Three winners will be selected from the three rounds.

Discussion Topics

- Covid-19 Contingencies
 - Most theatres have cancelled their 2020 season
 - Online webinars with free information
 - Scripts with smaller cast (2/3)
 - Smaller audiences with social distancing with masks and sanitizer
 - Live streaming plays and readings
- Scriptwriters-Houston
 - Post reading and films to the website or FB. (Rachel wants to ensure they are available and of good quality. Brad can post to FB but will research posting to the website)
 - Virtual readings during monthly meetings
 - Virtual Speakers

- **Partnering**
 - Similar to a mentoring program, more seasoned writers or long-time Scriptwriters-Houston members are paired with newer members to offer experience pointers on their scripts. The detailed structure of the partnership should be developed between the partners but the basic guidelines are:
 - 3 to 6 months timeframe
 - Offer pointers but do not write the script

If you would like to participate in the Partnering Program please complete the questionnaire below and return to barbstarkes@gmail.com

PARTNERING PROGRAM

Name: _____
 Contact Email: _____
 Contact Phone: _____

- I have had scripts produced or have been a member of a writing group for more than a year and will offer advice on script writing for STAGE PLAYS.
- I have had scripts produced or have been a member of Scriptwriters-Houston for more than a year and will offer advice on script writing for FILMS.
- I am seeking advice on my STAGE PLAY script.
- I am seeking advice on my FILM script.

Other Resources

Margie Walker - Michelle Mower will present the craft of screenwriting with a focus on writing crime stores for the screen to **Houston Sisters in Crime, Sunday, June 28 from 2-3:30pm via Zoom**. Visit <https://houston-sinc.com/> and sign up. Invitations will be sent to your email for this Zoom presentation several days before our meeting. Please hang onto the invite, follow the log in instructions carefully the day of the meeting, and be on time!

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Ensemble Theatre Wordsmyth

June 29, 2020 @ 6:00 pm – Shakin’ the Mess Outta Misery

The next Zoom meeting scheduled for July 20, 2020 at 7:00 pm

The meeting ended around 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Barbara Starkes
 Corporate Secretary – Scriptwriters-Houston