



## Scriptwriters-Houston Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2020

### Virtual Meeting

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

#### Welcome – Rachel Dickson, President

- Rachel welcome everyone to the very first virtual meeting. There were more than ten in attendance. She encouraged all to embrace these unusual times and meeting formats. This will be the format for the June 15<sup>th</sup> meeting, we will determine July and beyond based on official guidelines. She asked those in attendance to encourage others to join future virtual meetings.

#### Activity – Annamarie Flusche

Annamarie presented the icebreaker “Events That Happened on May 18<sup>th</sup> in History”. The answers are highlighted in yellow.

1. Which of these is correct:
  - Today is the 139<sup>th</sup> day of the year
  - Today is the 138<sup>th</sup> day of the year
2. **True or false:** Apollo 15 launched on this date in 1969. It was followed by the first moon landing later that year.
3. Mount St. Helens erupted on this date in: 1854, 2019, 1980, None of the above
4. The Santa Fe school shootings occurred on this date in: 1987, 2018, 1954, None of the above
5. **True or false:** Today is World AIDS Vaccine Day. It coincides with the first published report regarding "an exotic new disease" on this date in 1981.
  - Which one of the following was NOT born on May 18: Tina Fey, Pope John Paul II, Frank Capra, Omar Khayyam, Tsar Nicholas II of Russia, Mathew Brady, Mickey Mouse, Reggie Jackson, George Strait

#### Sharing – Rachel Dickson

Rachel asked those who would like to – to share what they were working on, how they were dealing with the pandemic or anything else on their minds.

#### 10x10 – Regina Locke-Griggs

Because of the pandemic shutdown and the uncertainty in the industry, 10x10 options are being explored by SWH Board. The membership will be informed as soon as information become available.

#### Museum Plays – Barbara Starkes

- The Museum of Fine Arts Houston (MFAH) cancelled the Francis Bacon museum plays. Barbara sent an email to MFAH asking if SWH would be considered for the 2021 season. She will follow up with them after their opening on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Leslie Barrera voiced her concern over the lack of response from SWH to her offer to have the Museum Plays presented at Pasadena Theatre. Rachel offered apologies on behalf of the Board with the promise that SWH Board will discuss and get back to her within a few weeks.

**Online Readings – Regina Locke-Griggs**

Ten minutes plays can be submitted and read virtually. To submit a play contact Regina at [locke\\_regina@yahoo.com](mailto:locke_regina@yahoo.com) or you can complete the form on [www.scriptwriters-houston.org](http://www.scriptwriters-houston.org) Let Regina know if you need help with readers/actors.

**10 Talk – Brad Nies**

Rachel described the 10 Talk as SWH in alignment with 10x10 and likened it to Ted Talks. The idea is taking about ten minutes to share “ideas worth spreading”. Brad Nies is presenting today's topic on Scriptwriters-Houston website. Brad shared his screen and starting with the Home Page and ending with the Photo Gallery he described the function of each tab. He pointed out the options to pay dues on the Home page. Other noted topics on the website are info on 10x10, Museum Plays, Board Members and minutes from the monthly meetings. Please send Brad any additions you would like to see on the website to [bnies@blinn.edg](mailto:bnies@blinn.edg)

Brad also talked about the ongoing Pandemic Scriptwriting Challenge which is in Round 3. This is a challenge where you are given 10 words that you have to use in your short script. SWH is still exploring options on how the winners would be recognized. It could be the plays would be read in the monthly meetings or all at the same time at Theatre Suburbia. Rules and guidelines can be found at [www.scriptwriters-houston.org](http://www.scriptwriters-houston.org)

**Other Resources - Margie Walker**

Michelle Mower will present the craft of screenwriting with a focus on writing crime stories 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!

The next Zoom meeting scheduled for June 15, 2020 at 7:00 pm

The meeting ended around 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

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