

June 2020 NASFA Minutes

by Steve Sloan

The June meeting of the North Alabama Science Fiction Association was called to order on Saturday, June 20, 2020 on Zoom at 6:05:45 PM by President Mary Lampert. The gavel and crickets were too quiet to hear over Zoom.

OLD BUSINESS

Due to the virus, the church where we usually meet currently has requirements for holding a NASFA meeting in person: no children, maintain six foot spacing at all times, and sanitize before we leave.

We had a guest named Katie.

NEW BUSINESS

Judy talked about future programs. We traditionally replace a summer meeting with a picnic. Maybe we could combine the picnic with Not-a-Con, or hold it at Gary's father's farm in Scottsboro. Judy laid out a proposed list of future programs: club auction in September, Not-a-Con in October, November to be determined, and the traditional Christmas party in December.

NOT-A-CON BUSINESS

Mary called the convention hotel. Assuming virus restrictions are lifted, they are willing to let us reserve a weekend. We will probably want the third weekend in October.

Because Katie was new, Judy filled her in on a brief history of Con†Stellation and Not-a-Con.

Members of the club went around and introduced themselves to Katie.

Sean has several presentations ready to present as programs at NASFA meetings, and he asked which one sounded most interesting: realistic aliens in SF, alien civilizations and the Kardashev Scale, or early generation starships. Starships won the informal vote.

Mike K. moved to adjourn at 6:32:40 PM.

The June program was a discussion about how canceling the in-person New Zealand Worldcon and replacing it with a virtual convention will work out. Will anyone who didn't plan to attend the in-person convention attend the virtual con? During the discussion, Sean realized he will be out of town for July's NASFA meeting, so he will be giving his presentation at the August meeting instead.