

August 2021 NASFA Minutes

by Steve Sloan

The August meeting of the North Alabama Science Fiction Association was called to order on Saturday, August 21, 2021 in the Madison satellite location of Willowbrook Baptist Church at 6:04:42 PM by President Mary Lampert and the crickets.

OLD BUSINESS

Dues are due.

NEW BUSINESS

Sam reported that Willowbrook Church scheduled a wedding reception for the usual weekend of our October NASFA meeting, so we can move the meeting one week earlier to Not-a-Con weekend. Sam will say okay to the church holding the wedding reception.

As Treasurer, Sam is moving the club's checking accounts to another bank because BB&T has been acting screwy with his personal account there. He will be moving the accounts to Wells Fargo, a move that will require signatures from the NASFA officers.

Doug moved that the club will have no October 2021 meeting except Not-a-Con. Judy seconded, and the motion carried many to two.

CON BUSINESS

Not-a-Con officially has three guests: Dan Thompson, Stephanie Osborn, and Les Johnson. Dan will speak about the legacy books he publishes. Les will speak about alien megastructures. Theresa Mather and Melissa Gay are both planning to send art. A Not-a-Con membership is \$30. T-shirt art can be seen on the website, but no other details about t-shirts so far. If you want to pay for a Not-a-Con membership, make the check out to NASFA and give the check to Tracey. Talk to Judy if you want to bring food. It's time to reserve a hotel room if you'd like. Details are available on the web site.

Sam reported on DeepSouthCon 60. There is no news this month. He [actually Mike Kennedy] is still negotiating the hotel contract.

In other news, longtime NASFAn Dave Watson signed a contract with Ring of Fire for his first novel.

Sam moved to adjourn at 6:18:41 PM.

For the August program, Les Johnson read an excerpt from his new novel *Saving Proxima*, co-written with Travis S. Taylor. He also discussed his latest news, including successfully winning a competition for his NASA group to do a big solar sail project, first sending an unmanned mission to at least one asteroid, then possibly another asteroid and a closeup flyby of the sun. The After the Meeting Meeting was held at the same location as the meeting.