

November 2021 NASFA Minutes

by Steve Sloan

The November meeting of the North Alabama Science Fiction Association was called to order on Saturday, November 20, 2021 in the Madison satellite location of Willowbrook Baptist Church at 6:11:14 PM by President Mary Lampert and the crickets.

OLD BUSINESS

Nominations were reopened. Doug nominated Randy for all offices, but Randy refused. Jim moved to close nominations, Doug seconded, and the motion failed 1 to 2. Sam nominated the existing slate of officers, and Tracey seconded. Doug moved to close nominations, Sam seconded, and the motion carried 4 to 3.

This year's dues were still due.

Wait a minute. Aren't we supposed to hold elections in November? The bylaws say so.

Prior to the vote, the officer nominations were:

President: Mary Lampert, Gary Shelton

Vice President: Gary Shelton

Secretary: Steve Sloan, Gary Shelton

Treasurer: Sam Smith, Gary Shelton

Programming Director: Judy Smith, Gary Shelton

Publicity: Sam Smith, Gary Shelton

[Steve took over running the vote for NASFA president.]

President: Mary got 7 votes and Gary got 4 votes.

[Mary took back over to run the rest of the meeting.]

Vice President: Gary beat Nobody 8 to 2.

Secretary: Steve got 7 votes and Gary got 1 vote.

Treasurer: Sam got 7 votes and Gary got 2 vote.

Programming Director: Judy got 8 votes, and Gary got 2 votes.

Publicity: Sam got 6 votes and Gary got 4 votes.

NEW BUSINESS

Sam has things.

NASFA received vaguely threatening mail at the PO Box for years. It went away for several years, but now it's back.

Sam received more mail. Is anyone interested?

Sam and Mary needed to get together to get her added to the NASFA checking account.

LearningQUEST sent an email about the free program "Keep Watching the Skies: A Very Subjective History of Science Films in Hollywood, 1950 to the Present" at the auditorium of the main Huntsville library Monday, November 29th at 11 AM.

Sam discussed the calendar of 2022 NASFA meetings. What local conventions may interfere with the usual third Saturday of the month in 2022?

January: Chattacon: Three NASFA members planned to go, so Doug moved to change the January NASFA meeting to 1/22, Jim seconded, and the motion carried 4 to 3.

February: Con Nooga: No NASFA members planned to go.

April: Middle Tennessee Anime Convention (MTAC): No NASFA members planned to go.

June: LibertyCon: Duh. Doug moved to change the June NASFA meeting to 6/11, Sam seconded, and the motion carried 6 to 1.

Sam planned to submit the calendar with those two amendments to the Madison branch of Willowbrook Baptist Church, and send out the notification email.

CON BUSINESS

Not-a-Con 2021 t-shirts were delivered to several people at the meeting. Mary planned to order a second batch of t-shirts. Talk to Doug or Mary if you want one.

Sam announced the guests DeepSouthCon 60 had confirmed at that time.

Master of Ceremonies Norman Cates, from the New Zealand WorldCon in 2020

Fan Guest of Honor Bill Plott, who was at DeepSouthCon 1

After a lot of effort, Sam managed to reactivate the club PayPal account.

Judy announced that the NASFA Christmas party will be held at the usual meeting location at Willowbrook. Bring a gift to share in the \$15 to \$20 range and bring goodies.

DeepSouthCon 60 will be held at Embassy Suites like DSC 50.

Sam moved to adjourn at 6:35:37 PM.

The November program was a presentation by Professional Worm Wrangler Michele Cotton, about how she assembled a 45 foot Dune sandworm, and the places where she showed it off. The After the Meeting Meeting was held at the same location as the meeting.