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July 2020 Newsletter



Ponderings and Smackeralas:

Hello Writer Friends!

My, but it is heinously hot in Topeka!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L_IlsPypwZs

I hope you are all managing to find a bit of relief from the oppressive Kansas summer.

How is your writing coming? Recently I've hit a snag that has nothing to do with not being able to force myself to sit down at the computer and actually write. That is a constant struggle, but it's also a topic for another day. My snag comes in the form of having lost all of my WIP.

Everything I've written, all my character notes, my outline. EVERY. SINGLE. WORD. I had a copy on my laptop and on a jump drive. Then my laptop went tits up. But I was still golden because I had my thumb drive, right? Well not so much because said drive has disappeared. Vanished. I think maybe our resident ghost stole it. The bastard! Okay probably not the ghost, but rather a victim of my, shall we say, lackadaisical housekeeping practices (but blaming it on your ghost sounds

way cooler, right? And yes, there is a ghost, but that also is a story for another day).

So, Bear, why are you sharing this with us? You can summit mount what's-your-point anytime now. My hope is to save you from my pain. You can never save your work in too many places!

Keep a file on your computer. Keep it on a thumb drive. OR two. Or more. Look into a cloud-based back-up for your computer in case it shoots crap like my laptop. Use Google docs. Microsoft Online. Email it to yourself. Email it to your mother. Keep a print copy. All of the above. The good news is that Shayne is convinced that I can recreate it and has offered up some helpful prompts towards that end.

Have a great week.

Stay cool.

Stay safe.

Save your work.

Wash your hands.

Bear

KWI Meetings

Next Meeting

When: August 22

Where: TBA

Topic: TBA

Future Meeting

When: September 26

Where: TBA

Topic: TBA

Meeting Format

Open Writing: 9:30am -
10:00am

Critiquing: 10:00am -
11:30am

Board Meeting: 11:30am -
12:00pm

Member Meeting:
12:30pm - 1:00 pm

Program: 1:00 pm -
2:30pm

June Meeting Recap: Dialogue

Last month's meeting was a series of first. It was our first meeting at The Blind Tiger (to be repeated this month) and our first time broadcasting a meeting via Zoom (to be repeated for future meetings for the convenience of those who cannot attend – even when things get back to something resembling normal).

While there were some technical challenges (when are there not?), the amazing Romie did an outstanding job. In case you missed it or simply want a refresher, his notes are attached to this email. Much thanks Romie for being so awesome.

Financials

May 2020

Beginning Cash Balance:
\$3973.94

Income: \$10.00

Expenses: \$00.00

Ending Cash Balance: \$3983.94

July Meeting: To Be Announced



As we are having to change up the way we do things and have missed several meetings, by necessity we are having to change up our schedule of programs as well.

Shayne will deliver this month's program, the subject to be reveal at the meeting. We hope you all will be present this month, either in person or via Zoom.

We have booked The Blind Tiger once again for 11:00 am. We will be either in "The Nest" or the downstairs dining area.

Kudos

Major congrats to Richard Forque whose recent submission, “The Cowboy and the Dog,” is being considered for publication in PPW’s anthology *Fresh Starts*. He should receive notice by August 1st if the story has been selected. Fingers crossed!