

## **Writers in Stuttgart – Meeting November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Chair:** nobody, really – all of us?!?

**Minutes:** Andrea

**Attendees:** Erica, Cihan, Katherine B., Andrea, Jim (online), Katharine S. (online)

**Prompt by Erica:** Stuck in a rut – what does this mean to you, and have you ever been stuck in one? (20 mins.)

### **Shared prompts:**

Jim: Prose poem on 2 diverse meanings

Katharine S.: A way to escape a rut: Be in the moment

Andrea: Being stuck in a rut to get through hard times

Katherine B.: Find the beauty in small moments

Cihan: A couple having breakfast but devoid of having something to talk about

Erica: Routines help getting through the day when you grow older

### **Critique of writing**

Katherine B.: “Chimerism”

a poem she has submitted to several places about mothers & daughters

→ Feedback: What should be changed?

→ suggestion: Change the title to the creature “Chimera”; possibly leave out some details

→ seeing your own hell in your chimera’s eyes?

### **Planning the January public reading at Merlin:**

Writers who would like to write:

1. Cihan
2. Katherine B. (?) → somebody else would have to read it for her
3. Jadi ?
4. Andrea ?
5. Cindy ?
6. Barbara ?
7. Erica ?
8. ?

### **December Meeting counts as first rehearsal for the January Black Monday!**

→ **Everyone** who would like to read at the January public reading, please let **all** the Writers in Stuttgart know via e-mail to the whole membership roster that you are planning on reading in January.

→ Also: Please send your short bio & two to three sentences of introduction to your January piece by December 9<sup>th</sup>!

### **Website issues**

As of now, only Jim is able to allow writers participating in the ZOOM meetings to share their screen during ZOOM meetings.

February 2024: We need to reconsider wanting to continue paying 14.98€ per month in order to keep having our own ZOOM meetings.