

Writers in Stuttgart

Meeting minutes of September 20th, 2025

Meeting time: 10:20am –1:45pm

Attendees: Andrea, Erica, Marco, Cihan, Malcom, Katharine S. (all in person)

Chair: Andrea

Minutes: Marco

TOP 1: Introduction round

TOP 2: Writing Prompt

TOP 3: The Website

TOP 4: Bank account

TOP 5: October 17th, public reading

TOP 6: The sound system

TOP 7: Round of critiques

TOP 1: Introduction round

New member: Marco, writes fiction mostly focused on horror, drama and fantasy and rarely a poem. Swabian born, recently moved back from Leipzig to Schwäbisch Gmünd.

TOP 2: Writing Prompt

Today's prompt by Erica is to write to the two opening lines of an e. e. cummings poem:

“All ignorance toboggans into know

and trudges up to ignorance again”.

TOP 3: The Website

There is a charge for the website for the year 2025: 412,32\$=>352,36€, according to the invoice of Tom Coates, or new web master. The charge has already been paid beforehand by the domain host, so it was decided our treasurer Andrea pays the charge

to Tom Coates. Nevertheless, Marco, Cihan and Malcom will check if that is a fair price for the year 2026 or if we should consider changing from .com to either .net or possibly .eu next year.

TOP 4: Bank account

The question came up what is the correct way to hold the funds, but no final answer could be found. In the meantime, Andrea remains the treasurer and is using our funds to pay Tom Coates.

TOP 5: October 17th, public reading: “The Mayhem in My Closet”

Cihan will read an excerpt. Possibly an additional poem, if needed.

Jadi offered a story to be read “The Game of Life”, but she won't be there in person to read it out herself. It should be read by three voices (one speaker and two protagonists).

Andrea plans to read “Granny's closet”, which still needs to be revised.

Malcom plans to read a short story.

Marco hopes to have something by our next meeting, too.

Katharine S. hopes to have one or two poems be then.

Erica is working on a new sequel of her memoir for the reading.

Katherine B. announced in the WiS WhatsApp group that she is not planning on participating in the reading this time around.

Due to the October 3rd weekend prior to our next monthly meeting and the brevity of time till the October 17th reading, Katherine S. and Andrea believe it is best to **only have one rehearsal** before the reading and if nobody can stay late, use most of our **October 11th monthly meeting** for an in-person rehearsal at the DAZ.

TOP 6: Sound system

The sound system needs to be moved. Malcolm, Erica, Andrea and Marco will communicate via e-mail to make it happen.

TOP 7: Round of critiques

#1: “Granny's closet” by Andrea

#2: “I’m outliving my dental work” by Erica

#3: “Dinner is served” by Malcolm

#4: “The Game of Life” by Jadi