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Library in English

Writers' Workshop

Next Meeting February 21, 2020

at 10:30

at:

The L.I.E. premises

3, rue de Monthoux

Assignment: Joy

Leader: Marlene

We welcomed in the new decade with unseasonably higher temperatures though still cold. The winter weather did not diminish but added to our enthusiasm for the prospect of a new year of creative writing as we met as usual in the Reading Room of the Library.

Those in attendance were and **Rose**, (leader) **Marlene** (secretary) and **Zinat**.



Business:

Rose handed out the notice for the Library's Spring Book Sale, which will be held from 24th to 26th April 2020 which we all intend to attend.

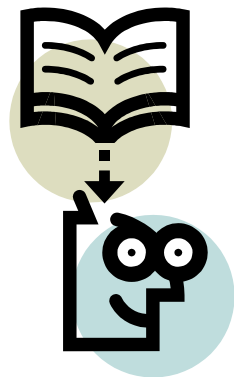
As there was no further business to attend to, we proceeded to reading our optional assignment 'Walls'.

Reading:

Rose opened the reading of her piece 'Unseen Barriers' which recorded the emotional barriers people create. Two friends fell out because Peggy, the quieter of the two, would not speak up for herself. When Johan seduced both Meg and Peggy the barrier between them became a wall which destroyed not only their friendship but interfered with their daily lives. Only when Peggy could take it no longer and asked to bury the hatchet did Meg accept the apology and the wall between them came down.

Zinat's piece began with a quote: 'Stone walls do not a prison make, No iron bars a cage ...' This led to an account of a woman not having the courage to visit a neighbour who lived behind a wall which kept her safe. It also kept her from contact until it was too late, and nothing remained except an overgrown garden on the other side of the wall.

Marlene read an extract from *Real Crime* which she is in the process of finishing, titled 'Obstruction'. Alpha, the prime suspect in a shooting was prevented in a third attempt to eliminate his main target by the unscheduled arrival of Antonio at the Cynthia's bedside. Alpha left frustrated with the various obstructions which blocked his way to finalisation.



Future Dates & Assignments:

You will be advised of any date changes from those listed below, before the end of the year. We list the leaders and proposed optional assignments for **2020**:

Feb 21: Joy - Marlene

March 20: In the Shoes of a Famous person. - Zinat

April 17: Danger - Rose

May 15: Saying Goodbye - Marlene

June 17: A Memoire - Zinat

July 17: Messages - Rose

Aug 21: Between the Lines - Marlene

Sept 18: Letter to a Deceased person - Zinat

Oct 16: Someone who Inspired me - Rose

Nov 20: Open - Marlene

Dec: No meeting

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