

NOVEL CLUB

November 7, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Linda Sandhaus. The October minutes were approved. Treasurer Andrew Fabens reported that in the near future, the Novel Club will probably need an increase in dues. He said that the cost of preparing and printing the membership booklet goes up every year and that the expense of the website also increases. The membership dues of \$20 is not enough to cover these costs.

Peter Haas, manager of the club website, reported that the website is becoming unwieldy. The website contains all of the old papers since the club began, and the quantity has made it very complicated to retrieve a particular paper. Peter proposed that the club limit the amount of data on the website, for example keeping the papers from the last few years instead of forever. Linda appointed a committee, consisting of Peter, Catherine LaCroix, Rebecca Carmi and Irad Carmi, to study the matter and make suggestions at the next meeting.

The book under discussion was "The Namesake" by Jhumpa Lahiri. Katherine LaCroix gave a biographic sketch of Lahiri; Jonathan Freilich presented the reflective paper.

Submitted by,

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Secretary