

## NOVEL CLUB

December 5, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Linda Sandhaus. 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. For example, the Calendar booklet printing has gone up from \$361 to \$589 since 2019, although the last number involves some formatting changes that won't recur. Our webpage costs went from \$175 to 200 this last year. The membership dues of \$20 is not enough to cover these costs. There was some discussion about discontinuing our annual meeting dinner.

Peter Haas, manager of the club website, reported that the website is becoming unwieldy. The website contains all of the old biographical and critical/reflective papers since about 2005, and the quantity has made it very complicated to archive and retrieve a particular paper. It is not clear if there is somewhere an archive of hard copy. Rebecca Carmi and Catherine LaCroix met with Peter to explore moving the archived papers to a Google drive. Rebecca has started this process. The website would then just have papers from the current and previous years. Further discussions need to happen about whether or not we need both a website and a booklet.

Rebecca Carmi passed out information on how to reach the NC Google Drive.

- 1) Create a google account or add on to an existing Google account:  
[Clevelandnovelclub@gmail.com](mailto:Clevelandnovelclub@gmail.com); PW =novelclub 1896
- 2) In this account, open Google Drive by clicking 3X3 grid in right upper corner and then chose "Drive"
- 3) Find "Minutes" and list of author's names.

The book under discussion was "Trust" by Hernan Diaz. Catherine LaCroix gave a biographic sketch and Jim Schilling gave the reflective paper

Submitted by,

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