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SFPA FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance before mlg 224 sent out	\$183.81
Regular postage for mlg 224	-54.94
Supplies	-40.11
Termination of first class accounts	+28.43
Contribution/waitlist fee (from Robert Lichtman)	+3.00
Dues received (Robe, Markstein, Gelb, Metcalf at \$15 each, Lillian (\$23) and Hughes (\$18.26))	<u>+\$101.56</u>
Balance before mailing 225 sent out	\$221.75

Postage cost includes a replacement copy for mike weber. Supplies were Tyvec envelopes and some rubber bands to hold the mailings in the larger USPS Priority Mail envelopes.

As discussed here previously, I've terminated the first class mailing accounts, and have instituted a first class mailing option on dues. I've rolled up the remaining first class account funds and added them to the treasury. I've prorated the optional dues at \$2.50 per mailing. This explains the odd dues amounts paid by Hughes and Lillian. See below for details.

FIRST CLASS ACCOUNTS – FOR THE LAST TIME

First class for mailing 224 was \$2.97 more than book rate. The terminal state of the first class accounts after mailing 224 went out is: Dengrove \$7.69; Hughes \$11.74; Koch -\$0.47; Larson \$3.12; Lillian \$7.00; Wells -\$0.85.

Prorating the dues for first class mailing at \$2.50 per mailing, we have dues due this time of Hughes at \$18.26; Lillian at \$23, Wells at \$30.85. Next time Dengrove will owe dues of 24.81. Finally, Larson will owe dues of 34.38 at mailing 228. Koch has indicated that he's going to drop first class mail.

(Yes, now that I think about it, I might have been a little less confusing overall if I'd terminated first class accounts as dues were due, but it was simpler as an accounting problem to do it all at once.)

THE RULES OF SFPA

1. The membership limit is 30; we will reinstitute a waiting list when we reach that point. Copy requirement is two more than the current roster count.
2. Minimum activity is 6 pages of original and personal writing and/or artwork in every two consecutive mailings.
3. Dues are \$15 per year, or \$30 per year to receive the mailings by Priority Mail. Dues are payable by the deadline of the mailing listed by each member's name. Failure to pay dues on time can result in the OE holding the mailing until dues are paid.
4. At last there was no doubt about it: It was dawn. Jehan fingered her father's dagger and felt a thrill of excitement. Strange words flickered in her mind. "The Heisenty uncertainberg principle," she murmured, already hurrying toward the mouth of the alley. She felt no fear.
5. It costs \$5 to join the waiting list and an additional \$3 annually to remain on the list. Waiting listers must respond to the OO at least once every other mailing. Mailings are

available to waiting listers and other interested parties for \$5 each on a first-come, first-serve basis.

6. Cohabiting couples can share a membership slot. Each member must meet minac and each has a vote. But they share one mailing and just one set of dues is required.
7. As expounded in SFPA's constitution, the contents of each zine are the responsibility of the contributor, not the Official Editor, who doesn't actually exercise any editorial control, but only acts as a distribution agent.
8. Always read *The Southerner* or you may not know what changes the OE is making, or how confused the accounts can get when the rules change.

SFPA ROSTER AND WAITING LIST NEWS

As usual, copies of *The Southerner* will go to **Robert Lichtman**, PO Box 30, Glen Ellen CA 95442, and **Arnie Katz**, 330 S Decatur, #152, Las Vega NV 89102.

Toni Weisskopf and I finally connected by telephone on Sunday just after I got back from printing the OO. (Which is why you've got the reprint in your hands.) She sent a two-page placeholder/string-saver zine by e-mail which I've included. Weddings are one thing, but there *are* priorities in life. Like APAs.

Also, Trinlay Khadro appears to have dropped. My attempts to contact her by e-mail have bounced, and my notes in the last two mailings went unanswered.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

- As promised, *Challenger 15* was sent as a post-mailing. At 108 pages, plus 1 for the fractional *Southerner*, the total page count for mailing 224 was **536 pages**.
- ◆ Perhaps this flurry of activity last time accounts for this mailing's lackluster bulk. We'd been brushing up against two pounds per mailing, and the trial weight on this one is less than a pound-and-a-half. I resolve to do more next time, and I hope you will, too.
- With Toni's string-saver, we have 100% participation in this mailing. Hoorah!
- The delivery confirmation tags I discussed last time appear to have helped the mail move a little faster, though Eve Ackerman and Gary Brown — whose zines have been the most delayed — sent theirs by Express Mail.
- When you **overnight your zines**, please remember to sign the little "no signature required" box. There isn't always someone home to sign for them.
- Note that the "**SE**" in the OE's address is **vital**: there is a 165th Avenue Northeast in Bellevue, too, and confusion is worth two days at the post office.
- ⇒ As usual, I will put the table of contents from the mailing and contact information for me, up on the **web**. See <http://alumni.caltech.edu/~copeland/sfpa>, for the time being until Steve Hughes and I can get our act together to take the show on the road.
- Note that the OO doesn't get printed until Saturday afternoon of deadline weekend. The mailing doesn't go to the post office until Sunday afternoon or Monday morning. As long as your zine gets to me by Saturday's mail delivery you're guaranteed to make the mailing. In other words, no matter which Thursday is the statutory deadline, the **effective deadline** is the following Saturday.

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Members gained: None

Members lost: Khadro

COA: None

Pages owed: Koch (2), Larson (4), weber (4), Weisskopf (4).

Dues owed: Ackerman, Cleary, L Copeland, Dengrove, Schlosser, weber.

(As noted under finances, Dengrove's dues are \$24.81 to continue first class mailing.)

The deadline for SFPA 226 is:

Thursday 28 March 2002

(with institutionalized slop to the following Saturday)

Send **25** copies of your zine to

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