



President TAFF's Bathtub: eEdition Chris Garcia's TAFF Newsletter Late September, 2008

This one's the first one that'll be e-only, and I'll be reposting the financial information in the printed edition that'll go out with the ballot.

9,176.59 was the starting point for the fund from the last newsletter. I think I have this right. I put in the 500.00 from Suzle, bringing the total to 9,676.59. The expenses for the last mailed TAFF Update were \$58.80 plus \$42.00 (there were leftovers on that roll that'll help with mailing out the Ballots) and that makes 100.80 for postage and another 17.94 for envelopes, a few extra copies I had to have made and another 33.11 for a stamp to address the mailings. That brings the total expenses for the mailing (with some left over stamps, probably enough for ½ the next mailing, if not slightly more) to 141.74. That's a lot for a mailing, but it included getting the stamp made, which I'll not have to do again and there are a lot of let-over stamps and envelopes, so the next one shouldn't be much more than 50 bucks. Not sure what the one after that'll cost.

I made another ribbon order, came to 46.85, leaving us with 9,488.00, but that's before we made a total of \$61.00 from the donation jar/sales of Ah, Sweet Laney and John Hertz anthologies at WorldCon and donations for ribbons. In all, it worked out to 61 bucks and while that's a low number, we're already building to Montreal and what we'll be selling there will hopefully more than make up for it because it's including the Dr. Who Scraf that Leigh Ann Hildebrand has made for us and has been photographed worn by some of the biggest names in SF writing and fandom!

And finally, the state of some of the materials in the TAFF Archive/Sales lot was very poor. As such, I spent 38.40 on some acid-free dividers, folders and an acid-free box (plus a couple of other things that work gladly donated to the cause) so that they could be properly stored. Issues of Hyphen, for example, were in need of repacking.

So, here's the math
 $9176.59 + 500 - 58.80 - 42.00 - 17.94 - 33.11 - 46.85 + 61.00 - 38.40 = 9500.49$

I'm hoping that by the next one of these reports, we'll have the FANAC money for the report (it means I gotta print one out and send it their way). In addition, we'll probably have some more income from BASFA and, depending on how long I let it go, the LosCon auction and Fanzine Lounge.

I'd say that's pretty good, though I'd like to keep

that mailing number down, and I'm so glad so many of y'all agreed to take your mailing via eMail, though the next one's got the ballot, so that's going to be mailed.

Speaking of the ballot, there's a race about to start!

Nominations are now open for the 2009 Europe-to-North America TAFF race. The winner will attend Anticipation, the Worldcon, being held on August 6-10, 2009, in Montréal, Canada. For convention details, see <http://www.anticipationsf.ca/>.

To become a candidate for this race you must provide:

- * Five nominations from known fans, three of whom must be European and two North American (nominators should send a signed nomination via postal mail OR if sending the nomination by e-mail, include a phone number for verification);
- * A written platform, not to exceed 100 words;
- * A £10 bond and a pledge that you will take the trip if you win.

All nominations, platforms, pledges, and bonds must arrive with an administrator (addresses below) by midnight, November 5, 2008. So long as at least two prospective candidates have satisfied these requirements by that date, distribution of ballots, in both electronic and paper form, will begin immediately thereafter.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the administrators; if you plan to run, please alert them as soon as possible.

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