

North Florida Poetry Hub Chapter - Minutes

Location: Jacksonville, Florida, Zoom platform
Date: December 28, 2024
Time: 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.
Attendees: Ruth Van Alstine, Rakesh Maurya, Shutta Crum, Sharon Scholl, Diane Rabideau-Wise, Nancy Murrey-Hill, Pat Kraus, Suzanne Austin-Hill, Sipra Roy

Shutta Crum moved to approve the November minutes as written, Sharon Scholl seconded.

Old Business Reviewed as follows:

Old Business:

1. Workshop facilitators – We have facilitators into next year. A signup sheet is always available online or email Ruth.
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1JbKWGwztH9y8bVE9pHeNwLZSJia2I0SZ-ETC0DR_p4/edit?gid=1386834576#gid=1386834576
2. Shutta will conduct the submission workshop in January or February.
3. Notices for submission of JAX Poetry Fest sandwich board poems will be resent to members.
4. **Showcase plans:** Refreshments: Ruth Members can donate towards prizes. Submit money to Shutta or Sharon. Chris Kastle will once again take care of sales. The poetry contest will be for both high school and middle school contests this year. **Ruth will secure the Library room reservation at SE Regional Library, Jacksonville FL**

New Business:

1. Polls will be sent to members to vote on how to handle: 1) Who will read at the Showcase 2) Participation in the JAX Poetry Fest with Hope At Hand in April of 2025 in January.
2. Propose to run a haiku contest in Duval county or the schools for Hope At Hand at JAX Poetry Contest. ACTION ITEM: Will look into and report next meeting.
3. End of year program wrap-ups will be forthcoming next meeting. IE: Goals project

Action items	Owner(s)	Deadline	Status
The Poet's Pen	Ruth Van Alstine / Poets who are involved in their Poet's Pen volumes	None	Two people waiting to publish their books contact Ruth
NFPH/FSPA Bookmarks	Ruth Van Alstine/members	On-going	Being distributed and is on-going - contact Ruth for more bookmarks
"Create-Submit-Celebrate"	Enrolled Participants	Enrollment closed for	Active - Contact Ruth

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Open Forum/Poetry Hub workshop facilitators	All Members	existing members On-going	Sign up/volunteer to be a workshop facilitator for these workshops.
Poetry Video on Member Bio page	All Members	On-going	Active - Contact Ruth
West Coast Student Poetry Contest	All Members	On-going	Contact Suzanne Austin-Hill for information on how to work on this project.
Project Planning Committee	All Members	On-going	Contact Ruth to be on this Committee and contribute ideas/introduce Projects-programs for the Chapter

PROGRAM: There was no program. The next Chapter meeting will be January 25th, 2025.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM

North Florida Poetry Hub is sponsored by Hope-At-Hand, a local non-profit organization providing art and poetry therapy sessions to vulnerable and at-risk youth populations to facilitate healing and personal growth for children and adolescents in the Northeast Florida area.

