

North Florida Poetry Hub Chapter - Minutes

Location: Jacksonville, Florida, Zoom platform

Date: May 25, 2024

Time: 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Attendees: Ruth Van Alstine, Suzanne Austin-Hill, Sipra Roy, Beth Ramos, Patricia Krause, Esauti McRae, Diane Rabideau-Wise, Sharon Scholl, Nuala Moran, Mary McAllister, Chris Kastle

Sharon Scholl moved to approve the April minutes as written, Suzanne Austin-Hill seconded.

Old Business Reviewed as follows:

Old Business:

1. The Cherry Poems have been edited and submitted to Hope At Hand to be inserted into the newly designed 2024 holiday cards. A big thank you to Howard Moon and Paula Babadi for their work as the editors in the project, and to all the poets who submitted poems. They were: Paula Babadi, Diane Rabideau-Wise, Howard Moon, Chris Kastle, Ruth Van Alstine, Laura Dill, Pat Krause, Suzanne Austin-Hill, Sharon Scholl, Shutta Crum, Beth Ramos, and Ken Boyd.
2. It was discussed to send out a poll to vote on how to choose readers for next year's showcase. A report by Ruth on the progress will be made at the June meeting.
3. Postcard Poem Campaign July 4-August. We will have a Zoom session for those individual members who have signed up to share their experiences and help each other with the program.
4. The Planning Committee was again brought up to update the calendar and develop possible new projects. I will schedule a Zoom session for interested parties. Thus far, Beth, Ruth and Chris are on the committee. The date was difficult to set. Chris was not in attendance.
5. Mary McAllister is working on her Poets Pen #16 anthology and it will be finished soon. **We will be talking about who is on the list for publishing the next Poets Pen. Please make sure you are at this meeting.**

New Business:

1. Some new ideas for summer activities were to attend the Jacksonville "Lift Every Voice" or other area events together.
2. After the Mother & Me presentation, we brought forward the idea of publishing a special anthology with the poems submitted. A call for submission to the members will be put out.
3. Discussion to be had with Steffani about "couple poetry therapy workshops".

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
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 '24	Active - Contact Ruth
Open Forum/Poetry Hub workshop facilitators	All 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: After the meeting, we enjoyed a lovely Mothers & Poetry presentation prepared by Ruth Van Alstine of poems members and friends who contributed in honor of Mother's Day in May. It was well received.

The next Chapter meeting will be June 29th, 2024.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM



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