

# North Florida Poetry Hub Chapter - Minutes

Location: Jacksonville, Florida, Zoom platform

Date: January 27, 2024

Time: 2 - 3:30 p.m.

Attendees: Ruth Van Alstine, Patricia Krause, Sharon Scholl, Jan G. Annino, Shutta Crum, Beth Ramos, Nancy Murry-Settle, Sipra Roy, Mehmet Gunes

Move to accept the Minutes as written from the October Chapter meeting was made by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_. Old Business Reviewed as follows:

## Old Business:

- 1. First Coast Poetry Showcase:** Shutta will organize the 2024 program agenda and forward to Ruth and Sharon. Ruth will forward information and collect it from the other groups as appropriate. Ruth will oversee the publicity. Chris Kastle will be responsible for the book sales, details forthcoming. A Gathering of Poets is working on their poetry contest. Further details will be addressed as they come along.
- 2. West Coast Student Poetry Contest April 2024** – This project is on hold.
- 3. HOLIDAY POETRY CARDS – NURSING HOME PROJECT:** We received a sweet and very complimentary thank you note from Taylor Nursing Home via Hope At Hand.
- 4. We need workshop facilitators for the upcoming months.** Please sign yourself up on the Google form here:  
[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1JbKWGwztH9y8bVE9pHeNwILZSJia2IOSZ-ETC0DR\\_p4/edit#gid=1386834576](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1JbKWGwztH9y8bVE9pHeNwILZSJia2IOSZ-ETC0DR_p4/edit#gid=1386834576)

## New Business:

1. There was no new business brought up at the meeting.

## Action items

The Poet's Pen

## Owner(s)

Ruth Van Alstine / Poets who are involved in their Poet's Pen volumes

## Deadline

None

## Status

We have 2 members in the queue for Poets Pens. Contact Ruth if you want to work on a book.

NFPH/FSPA Bookmarks

Ruth Van Alstine/members

On-going

Being distributed and is ongoing - contact Ruth for more bookmarks

“Create-Submit-Celebrate”

Enrolled Participants

Enrollment is open until June 2024.

Active - Contact Ruth

Action items	Owner(s)	Deadline	Status
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. List your bio on website	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
National Poetry Month Poetry Scrolls	All Members	Due 2/20/24	Send submissions to Ruth
Cheery Poems	All Members	DUE 4/15/24 or ASAP (as always HAH wants these yesterday)	Send submissions to Ruth.

**PROGRAM:** After a short business meeting, there was a short overview of NFPH member benefits and programs. The next Chapter meeting date will be February 24, 2024.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM



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