

North Florida Poetry Hub Chapter - Minutes

Location: Jacksonville, Florida, Zoom platform

Date: June 25, 2022

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

Attendees: Ruth Van Alstine, Chris Kastle, Suzanne Austin-Hill, Cynthia Butler-Jackson, Patricia Krause

Agenda items

Minutes from May meeting were approved and accepted as written by attending members. (Pat Krause motioned to accept the minutes and Chris Kastle seconded the motion).

Old Business Reviewed, see Meeting Agenda.

New Business:

- FUTURE PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT:** Committee met May 13th. Several ideas for 2022 - 2023 were discussed. Next meeting will be later in June after contest and anthology submission deadlines. Anyone wishing to join the committee please contact Ruth. All are welcome. Current members are Sally Constain, Paula Babadi, Ruth Van Alstine and Diane Rabideau-Wise. More to report next Chapter meeting. **Any project ideas are welcome.** Submit these to Ruth Van Alstine.
- CHEERFUL CARD POETRY:** Poems for our December Seasonal Cards are due June 30th. Please submit 2 short poems to Ruth. Criteria instructions at bottom of this report. These are the same as has been the past several years.
- 100 THOUSAND POETS FOR CHANGE:** Our involvement in this Worldwide event is in September. We are starting plans for this now. If you would like to be involved, please come to the next Chapter meeting where it will be discussed further. A July planning Event Meeting has been scheduled for July 26th at the chapter meeting. Thus far Read-A-Poem-To-A-Child: Sally Constain and Shani Hall will contact the Ponte Vedra and downtown Jacksonville libraries about holding live children's poetry readings. Ruth Van Alstine is heading up the Poetry-Music-Art call-for-submissions to create videos for viewing on the Chapter You-Tube channel, 100K Poets for Change website and archives. We will also host a virtual and possibly live Open Mic's. Cynthia is going to explore options for an alternative art gallery, Word Revolt Art Gallery in Atlantic Beach has closed. If another viable location is not found easily we are going to table the idea for a live event in September this year.
- CHAPTER WEBSITE UPDATES:** The Chapter website has been updated. Please check your bios - there are two pages that list the bios; one for Poet's Pen and one for Members. Send any updates to Ruth.
- SOCIAL MEDIA:** Instagram and Twitter accounts have been created for the chapter **NFLPoetryhub** Please "follow" and like. If you find unique poetry associated photographs, please forward to Ruth and she will post to our accounts.

6. A workshop facilitator signup sheet will be created and distributed for members to help with facilitating the poetry workshops. Thanks so much!

| Action items | Owner(s) | Deadline | Status |
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| The Poet's Pen | Ruth Van Alstine / Poets who are involved in their Poet's Pen volumes | None | Ruth Van Alstine working with Cynthia. Diane is signed up for a Poet's Pen. Anyone else interested 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. | Active - Contact RuthVan Alstine with any questions and to submit monthly totals. |
| Calling for new projects new committee "Future Projects Committee" | Members: Sally Constain, Ruth Van Alstine, Diane Rabideau-Wise, Paula Babadi | On-going | Contact Ruth Van Alstine with your ideas or if you would like to join Committee |
| 100 Thousand Poets for Change | Ruth Van Alstine, Sally Constain, Shani Hall, Members | Event in September | Virtual/live Open Mics, Library children's readings (read-a-poem), possible Art Gallery Show, Poetry/music/Art videos |
| "Cheerful Poems" | All Members | Due July 1 | Poems for Nursing home cards/Charity Project |
| Chapter Website Member Bios | All Members | Due ASPA | Website has been updated. Please check bios/send changes to Ruth. It was also encouraged to submit feedback and testimonials. |
| Twitter and Instagram | Chapter | Ongoing | Chapter now has Twitter and Instagram media accounts NFLPoetryhub Please follow and like! |

After the business meeting we shared the new “*Member Publishing Update*” stories from the “Create-Submit-Celebrate” program.

Cynthia Butler-Jackson gave a presentation on the theme of Juneteenth, which was recorded and uploaded to the Chapter You-tube channel.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W4RyHW_XvLY&t=2s

Thank you, Cynthia, the presentation was enjoyable for all in attendance.

Next Chapter meeting is scheduled for July 30th, 2022 at 2 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.

