

North Florida Poetry Hub Chapter - Minutes

Location: Jacksonville, Florida, Zoom platform

Date: October 24, 2023

Time: 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Attendees: Ruth Van Alstine, Suzanne Austin-Hill, Patricia Krause, Sharon Scholl, Diane Rabideau-Wise, Mary McAllister, Wuncie Adams, Jan G. Annino

Corrections duly noted on Minutes written August 26th minutes. Move to approve Minutes made by Sharon Scholl and seconded by Suzanne Austin-Hill.

Old Business Reviewed as follows:

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1. **Annual Project Calendar 23-24** has been updated and posted to the documents tab on the Chapter website
https://www.northfloridapoetryhub.org/_files/ugd/51d344_58ff76ddb7eb4396b072a1520ad8bae4.pdf
2. **100 Thousand Poets for Change** – The recorded Protest workshop by Howard Moon and Open mic have both been edited and uploaded to the NFPH YouTube channel and posted on the 100K Poets for Change 2023 website page on our chapter website.
3. **West Coast Student Poetry Contest April 2024** – The planning committee for this project will meet again later in the year as Suzanne progresses with conversations with the school in Brandon.

New Business:

1. NFPH Holiday party – Those in attendance agreed we would once again use the December Poetry Hub as our designated on-line Holiday party, which would be 12/19/23.
2. We also agreed to hold the November and December Chapter meetings on a weekday evening from 7-8 instead of the last Saturday afternoons as these both fall on holiday weekends in November and December so that plans for the Poetry Showcase can continue to be put together. Dates to be announced. Ruth will send out materials to give members enough information to provide feedback.
3. A Gathering of Poets wants to run their Young Voices Poetry Contest again and will take care of the program themselves without involving any other parties.
4. We discussed the date of March 30th for the First Coast Poetry Showcase and I asked Sharon to request Hope of The Gathering of Poets to go about securing the SE Regional Library location for us again on that date (or the weekend preceding that if necessary, the 30th being the preferred date.)

5. We brought up the topic of considering the “theme” for NFPH’s readers and what they might use for their readings. The first year was the Poets Pen, second year the Goals anthology. This year could be.... ?
6. I proposed suggesting to Hope At Hand that NFPH run a separate poetry contest for their JAX Poetry Fest in April that is independent of our First Coast Poetry Showcase.

Action items	Owner(s)	Deadline	Status
The Poet’s Pen	Ruth Van Alstine / Poets who are involved in their Poet’s Pen volumes	None	No ongoing books. Contact Ruth if you want to work on a book
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/ new members only.	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 a short business meeting we had an impromptu Halloween themed poetry reading. Next meeting date will be announced at a later time.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 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.

