

North Florida Poetry Hub Chapter - Minutes

Location: Jacksonville, Florida, Zoom platform

Date: June 24, 2023

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

Attendees: Ruth Van Alstine, Chris Kastle, Howard Moon, Sally Constain, Patricia Krause, Sharon Scholl, Bonnie L Boucek

Move to accept the Minutes as written from May Chapter meeting was made by Sharon Scholl and seconded by Sally Constain.

Old Business Reviewed as follows:

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1. **Facilitator signup sheet** ~ we need facilitators for August 3, then September going forward. Please use the Google form at this link to sign up or contact Ruth via email with your dates to volunteer. Thank you
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1JbKWGwztH9y8bVE9pHeNwLZSJia2IOSZ-ETC0DR_p4/edit#gid=1386834576 (or see attachment)
2. **Project Planning Committee** met June 13th. Attendees were Suzanne Austin-Hill, Chris Kastle, Howard Moon, Sipra Roy, Ruth Van Alstine. Ideas generated were Poetry videos on member bio pages on Chapter website, 100K Poets for Change events (both live and on-line open mics) possible poetry/artistic videos for members only, a Student Poetry contest at a private school on SW Coast headed up by Suzanne Austin-Hill the first of 2023. It was discussed how we might support her with judges, a committee of volunteers and financially if required.
3. **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

New Business:

1. **Holiday card update:** Poems have been turned in, reviewed by editors and sent over to Hope At Hand.
2. **100 Thousand Poets for Change** – Ruth has booked the SE Regional Library in Jacksonville for a live open mic event September 9 12-5:30 Room B (has mic system and podium) Capacity 50. Promoting advertising will begin in August with member promotion encouraged. Fliers will be designed and distributed early August. We will have the on-line open mic on September 30th 3-4 pm as we have for the past 3 years, which will be recorded and mounted on our chapter You-Tube channel, as well as archived with 100K Poets for Change. Poetry video's for private members will be discussed again at the July meeting.

3. **West Coast Student Poetry Contest April 2024** – Suzanne Austin-Hill; Ruskin, Florida. A planning meeting was held on zoom July 16th. Sally Constain volunteered to help on the project. We can support Suzanne with judges and financially. The planning committee for this project will meet again later in the year as Suzanne progresses with conversations with the school in Ruskin.
4. **New Member Benefit: Poetry Reading Video Link on member profile page.** The new link has been incorporated into the member’s bio page for those members who have submitted one successfully. (Chris Kastle, Ruth Van Alstine). If you would like to have this feature added to your bio page please send the link to Ruth. For example visit Chris’s page: <https://www.northfloridapoetryhub.org/chris-kastle>
If you have your own You-Tube channel Ruth can link your “button” to that URL. If you don’t have a You-Tube channel Ruth can upload your video to our chapter website and use that URL. If you need assistance creating a poetry video Ruth has a PDF document that can help walk you through the step and/or assist you.
5. **Early submission of Poetry Scroll Poems request by Hope At Hand.** The chapter members discussed this request to write and submit our poems in May-June to HAH so that they may use their volunteers during the summer to roll the scrolls. It was decided that the members would rather keep to our current schedule to have the poems due in January, as they like having a writing project later in the year that is due. Members are willing to assist in rolling our own scrolls if necessary and unburden HAH from this task.

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.

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Project Planning Committee	All Members	On-going	Contact Ruth to be on this Committee and contribute ideas/introduce Projects-programs for the Chapter

Next Chapter meeting August 26th, 2023 2-3:30 pm.



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