

# North Florida Poetry Hub Chapter - Minutes

Location: Jacksonville, Florida, Zoom platform

Date: August 26, 2023 (REVISED 10/24/23)

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

Attendees: Ruth Van Alstine, Sipra Roy, Suzanne Austin-Hill, Shambhavi Khanna, Shutta Crum, Howard Moon, Patricia Krause, Sharon Scholl

Move to accept the Minutes as written from July Chapter meeting was made by Patricia Krause and seconded by Suzanne Austin-Hill.

Old Business Reviewed as follows:

## Old Business:

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](https://www.northfloridapoetryhub.org/_files/ugd/51d344_58ff76ddb7eb4396b072a1520ad8bae4.pdf)
2. **100 Thousand Poets for Change** – Open Mic will be at the SE Regional Library in Jacksonville September 9 12-5:30 Room B (has mic system and podium) Capacity 50. Promotions are in place. The on-line open mic on September 30<sup>th</sup> 3-4 pm is accepting on-line participation agreements and the signup sheet is filling up. Howard will host a special workshop on Sept 2 for protest poetry. This will be posted on our YouTube channel and the open mic from 9/30 will be posted on the YouTube channel after editing. Volunteer assignments were made for the live open mic on 9/9/23.
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.
4. The September Chapter meeting will be skipped, and a survey sent out as to when/what meeting will be held in October to begin planning of First Coast Poetry Showcase and holiday events.

## New Business:

1. There was no new business.

## Action items

The Poet's Pen

## Owner(s)

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

## Deadline

None

## Status

No ongoing books.  
Contact Ruth if you want  
to work on a book

Action items	Owner(s)	Deadline	Status
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 - <b>Contact Ruth</b>
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 a poetry writing prompt followed by poetry share. Next Chapter meeting to be determined by member voting survey in September.

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