

North Florida Poetry Hub Chapter - Minutes

Location: Jacksonville, Florida, Zoom platform

Date: November 26, 2022

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

Attendees: Ruth Van Alstine, Chris Kastle, Suzanne Austin-Hill, Sharon Scholl, Shutta Crum, Paula Babadi, Diane Rabideau-Wise

Minutes from the August meeting were approved and accepted as written by attending members. (Paula Babadi motioned to accept the minutes and Sharon Scholl seconded the motion).

Old Business Reviewed as follows:

Old Business:

1. **Poet's Pen Project:** Cynthia Butler-Jackson and Diane Rabideau-Wise are working on their Poets Pens. If there is another member interested in starting a Poet's Pen book or zine, please contact Ruth Van Alstine.
2. Facilitator signup sheet ~ we need people to volunteer to be facilitators for Open Forum and Poetry Hub Workshops 2023.
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1JbKWGwztH9y8bVE9pHeNwLZSJia2I0SZ-ETC0DR_p4/edit#gid=1386834576 (or see page 3)
3. **March 25th "First Coast Poetry Showcase"**. Location as of now is Ponte Vedra Public Library. Shutta is working on seeing if we can have sales of books. This is up in the air and may not be available to us. **If someone can offer another location that is midway between St Augustine and Jacksonville that would be of the right size and where we can sell books, be free to us to use. Please let us know ASPA.** (This could be a club room of a development, church hall, or large venue such as art gallery or other large sized commercial area. The most important factors are parking availability and easy access on main roads.)
4. First Coast High School Poetry Contest status (Shutta / Sharon). A Gathering of Poets is sponsoring the Contest with Prizes set at 1st \$200 2nd \$100 and 3rd \$75 with honorable mentions \$50. Ruth made a flier for them (available on Documents page)
5. Co-partner editor volunteer is Chris Kastle for "Goals" small volume anthology for the 2022 chapbook project. This will get underway in early 2023. Details to follow.
6. Poetry scroll poems are being collected. Deadline is January 5, 2023.
7. Ekphrastic Poetry/Art Show project summer/Fall – We have tabled this project after discussion of how complex it could become. Recommendations were made by several members to thoroughly think through the project, find an art gallery with artists willing to work with our poets and find a gallery willing to host the gallery show of ekphrastic poetry with artwork to minimize stress for all involved and make a smooth, more enjoyable project for all involved. It was agreed not to attempt this in 2023.

8. There are no updates to JAX Poetry Fest at this time.

New Business:

1. There is no new business at this time.

| 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. 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 Ruth to enroll for 2023. |
| Chapter Website Member Bios | All Members | ASPA | Check your bio/send changes/additions to Ruth. Please submit feedback & testimonials. |
| First Coast Poetry Showcase | All Members | March 25th | Secure a location to sell books. See details above for March 25 th event |

After the business meeting we did a writer's prompt led by Sharon Scholl, which was lots of fun. We did not end up with a "Community" poem for a future anthology, but had lots of fun nonetheless.

Next Chapter meeting December 31st, 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.

