

North Florida Poetry Hub Chapter - Minutes

Location: Jacksonville, Florida, Zoom platform

Date: July 30, 2022

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

Attendees: Ruth Van Alstine, Chris Kastle, Suzanne Austin-Hill, Howard Moon, Animesh Chhotaray, Bonnie L Boucek, Paula Babadi, Nile Stanley, Sally Constain, Shani Hall

Agenda items

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

Old Business Reviewed, see Meeting Agenda.

New Business:

- 100 THOUSAND POETS FOR CHANGE:** Our involvement in this Worldwide event is in September. Program Press releases are being sent at appropriate times. August 23rd was the Kick-off event. People are signing up for the virtual Call for PMA 8/24-9/24. Members are asked to dispense advertising fliers and promote Facebook events pages. September 17th is a live Open Mic & Art Show 2-4:30 pm at Pablo Creek Regional Library. On-line Open Mic September 24th 3-4 PM. Read-A-Poem is available to whomever wants to do a session, details on Chapter website.
- 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.
- A workshop facilitator signup sheet will be created and distributed for members to help with facilitating the poetry workshops. We do still need facilitators for Open Forum Oct, Nov and Dec. Thanks so much!
- Fall Forum FSPA Conference October 21-23rd.
- **Discuss cancelling the September Chapter meeting due to all the activities in September of 100 Thousand Poets for Change. This would require setting up the calendar activities for October at this meeting.**

Action items

Action items	Owner(s)	Deadline	Status
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

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“Create-Submit-Celebrate”	Enrolled Participants	Enrollment closed.	Active - Contact Ruth Van 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
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.

Writing Prompt: Theme 100 Thousand Poets for Change promoting peace, sustainability, and justice and/or expressions to call for serious social, environmental, and political change. Poetry share following.

Next Chapter meeting tentatively scheduled for September 24th, 2022 at 2 pm, to be followed by 100 Thousand Poets for Change Open Mic at 3-4 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.

