

# North Florida Poetry Hub Chapter - Minutes Revised 3-3-23

Location: Jacksonville, Florida, Zoom platform

Date: January 28, 2023

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

Attendees: Ruth Van Alstine, Suzanne Austin-Hill, Paula Babadi, Sally Constain, Howard Moon, Patricia Krause

Minutes from the December meeting were approved and accepted as written by attending members. (Howard Moon motioned to accept the minutes and Patricia Krause seconded the motion).

Old Business Reviewed as follows:

## Old Business:

1. Facilitator signup sheet ~ we need people to volunteer to be facilitators for Open Forum and Poetry Hub Workshops 2023. You can use the following link to sign up or contact Ruth via email with your dates. Thank you  
[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1JbKWGwztH9y8bVE9pHeNwLZSJia2I0SZ-ETC0DR\\_p4/edit#gid=1386834576](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1JbKWGwztH9y8bVE9pHeNwLZSJia2I0SZ-ETC0DR_p4/edit#gid=1386834576) (or see attachment)
2. **March 25<sup>th</sup> "First Coast Poetry Showcase"**. We have a confirmed reservation at the Southeast Regional Library in Jacksonville near Town Center. We will be allowed to sell books with the caveat we do not advertise book sales.
  - **NFPH will be responsible for the cost of refreshments at the Showcase and any other miscellaneous costs and production such as programs and fliers.**
  - Pat and Ruth will coordinate the **purchase of refreshments**. Monetary donations would be most helpful or check with Pat and Ruth about what you could bring to the event. Checks could be mailed to Pat or Shutta. Again, contact Ruth or Pat for this.
  - **Press releases have begun.** Ruth is doing this. Members are encouraged assist in promotions by distributing fliers, share the FB event on their pages, and spread the word, invite friends. If you know of an outlet for a press release, please contact Ruth so she can be sure and include this in with the rest. Thank you
  - **Book Sales** will be coordinated by Chris Kastle. Shutta Crum is also working with her to arrange for credit card sales to increase sales. Details forthcoming.
  - **First Coast Young Voices High School Poetry Contest** status (Shutta / Sharon). A Gathering of Poets is sponsoring the Contest with Prizes set at 1<sup>st</sup> \$200 2<sup>nd</sup> \$100 and 3<sup>rd</sup> \$75 with honorable mentions \$50. Entries are beginning to come in from the schools to Sharon Scholl.
  - **Readers ~ First Coast Poetry Showcase:** There was only one idea submitted from the members of how to choose readers at the showcase. This was a great idea and very fair – to assign points to each member based on activities participated in, i.e. a point for

submitting a poem to the poetry scroll project, poem to the nursing home cards, attending meetings, workshops, being on a committee, leading a workshop/facilitator, submitting to a FSPA contest, poem in Cadence, etc. Then the members were ranked by total numbers. The ones with the highest numbers were chosen to read. It was agreed unanimously at the meeting that this was a fair system to use. It was also the only idea that was submitted for choosing who would be chosen to read at the showcase.

- **Theme of readings at showcase:** The theme was discussed. When looking at those people who had the highest activity levels in general, they all had one thing in common - they were included in the upcoming Goals Anthology. It was agreed that this would be a great opportunity to talk about the Create-Submit-Celebrate Goals Project within the NFPH Chapter and so decided that the readers include one of their poems they had in the Goals Anthology and one poem at their discretion.
- **First Coast Poetry Showcase Event webpage** has been created on the NFPH website. The authors of the Goals Anthology are featured on this page with author statements and links to individual bio pages. <https://www.northfloridapoetryhub.org/first-coast-poetry-showcase>
- 3. **GOALS ANTHOLOGY** – The anthology has been started and will be completed before the Showcase. Co-partner editor is Chris Kastle. Updates to follow.
- 4. **Enrollment for 2023 Create-Submit-Celebrate Goals Project** is open now. Please contact Ruth if you would like to be in the 2023 program. Same rules will apply as for 2022. Please submit your monthly goals at the time of enrollment.

**New Business:**

1. There was no new business.

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
“Create-Submit-Celebrate”	Enrolled Participants	Enrollment open now for 2023 year.	Active - Contact Ruth to enroll for 2023.
Open Forum/Poetry Hub workshop facilitators	All Members	On-going	Sign up/volunteer to be a workshop facilitator for these workshops.

## Action items

First Coast Poetry Showcase

## Owner(s)

All Members

## Deadline

Jan 28th

## Status

Refreshments: Donate monetarily OR (water) or contact Pat/Ruth for list of items to bring for refreshments.

Select your books you might want to sell at Showcase. Await more instructions.

Assist in publicizing Showcase - hand out fliers, share FB event page on your timeline/ invite people to event. Promote event

After the business meeting Howard Moon led a wonderful program that included a writing prompt and share.

**Next Chapter** meeting February 25, 2023 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.

