

North Florida Poetry Hub Chapter - Minutes

Location: Jacksonville, Florida, Zoom platform

Date: February 24, 2024

Time: 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Attendees: Ruth Van Alstine, Suzanne Austin-Hill, Sharon Scholl, Jan G. Annino, Ken Boyd, Shutta Crum, Chris Kastle, Sipra Roy, Shani Hall, Samuel Bemose

Old Business Reviewed as follows:

Old Business:

1. It was agreed to skip the March Chapter meeting.
2. Plans for the Poetry Showcase were reviewed. Agenda has been set and everyone knows to be there at 1 to 1:30 to help set up, breakdown at 4:30. Chris will man the sales table. Instructions for book sales will be sent out. Same as last year. Please remember to take a group photo.
3. Results of poll for determining readers: 7 votes to determine readers by participation points in the past year. 4 votes to determine readers by "drawing straws". Readers for the showcase were announced per participation points, as well as backup readers.
4. Poetry Scroll editors are Pat and Diane. 15 poems were submitted.

New Business:

1. The Cheery poem deadline is April 15th
2. Postcard Poem Campaign July 4-August. Registration is \$15. Members can sign themselves up. The website provides you with a list of people to mail postcards to. They provide workshops and instructions that can be coordinated or done individually with group sessions to share progress and experiences. We do not need 32 people. The Postcard people match us up with their participants. Just go to the website and sign up.
3. Suzanne/Howard need two bios, one for the webpage and one for the "Fruition" anthology for those members who are in the Goals project.

Action items

The Poet's Pen

Owner(s)

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

Deadline

None

Status

Two people waiting to publish their books

NFPH/FSPA Bookmarks

Ruth Van Alstine/members

On-going

Being distributed and is on-going - contact Ruth for more bookmarks

Action items	Owner(s)	Deadline	Status
“Create-Submit-Celebrate”	Enrolled Participants	Enrollment open until July 1	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.
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 the meeting Ruth will give a short presentation on the history of National Poetry Month followed by an open mic.

The next Chapter meeting will be April 27th, 2024.

Meeting adjourned at 8 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.

