

North Florida Poetry Hub Chapter - Minutes

Location: Jacksonville, Florida, Zoom platform

Date: December 31, 2022

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

Attendees: Ruth Van Alstine, Chris Kastle, Suzanne Austin-Hill, Sharon Scholl, Shutta Crum, Paula Babadi, Patricia Krause, Doc Janning, Nuala Moran, Peter Olevnik

Minutes from the August meeting were approved and accepted as written by attending members. (Sharon Scholl motioned to accept the minutes and Chris Kastle 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/1JbKWGwztH9y8bVE9pHeNwILZSJia2I0SZ-ETC0DR_p4/edit#gid=1386834576 (or see page 3)
2. **March 25th "First Coast Poetry Showcase"**. Shutta is working on securing a firm location. As of now we have a confirmed reservation at Ponte Vedra Public Library but also has a reservation at the SE Regional Library in Jacksonville near Town Center they are awaiting approval. This is to see if we can have approval for book sales and a more accessible location for larger attendance. Final location must be determined no later than Jan 28 meeting so we can begin promoting event. *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.)
3. **NFPH will be responsible for the cost of refreshments at the Showcase and any other miscellaneous costs and production such as programs and fliers.** Also, the primary press releases will be done by Ruth.
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. **A flier is available on the website Documents page which can be downloaded and distributed to high school students and/or any high school teachers at your discretion.**
5. ****SELECTION FOR NFPH Program at the First Coast Poetry Showcase****: Action Item for Members: **The chapter members will decide as a group what the theme and the criteria for selection will be.** Members are encouraged to submit their idea of a theme for our

readings, the selection process for how we might decide which members will represent the chapter and poetry theme at the showcase. Last year was the Poet’s Pen Authors but this year we don’t have any new authors for a line-up, so the theme will be different for 2023. Please submit your idea prior to the January 28th Chapter meeting to Ruth to be added to the agenda. We will discuss as a group at the January chapter meeting.

6. **GOALS ANTHOLOGY** - 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.
7. **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.
8. Poetry scroll poems are being collected. Deadline is January 5· 2023. Ruth conveyed that the poetry scrolls are distributed to local nursing homes for the resident’s meal trays during April, National Poetry Month and the general public throughout JAX Poetry Fest and other public events throughout the year.
9. Ekphratic Poetry/Art Show project summer/Fall – Officially tabled until further notice.
10. There are no new updates to JAX Poetry Fest.

New Business:

1. There is no new business currently.

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.
Chapter Website Member Bios	All Members	ASPA	Check your bio/send changes/additions to Ruth. Please submit feedback & testimonials.
Poetry Scroll Poetry	All Members	Jan 5 th	Submit Poems to Ruth

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First Coast Poetry Showcase	All Members	Jan 28th	<p>**Members to submit their ideas for member selection for readers and topic theme (if there is one). Deadline next Chapter meeting Jan 28th</p> <p>Also, if a member knows of a good location that might be available to our use that is free, and allows for book sales please contact myself or Shutta immediately for consideration of the showcase.</p>

After the business meeting we had a New Year’s poem poetry share.

Next Chapter meeting January 28, 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.

