

New Mexico State Poetry Society Board Meeting Minutes, September 11, 2017
Jules' Poetry Playhouse – Albuquerque

Present: Bernadette Perez, President; Iris Gersh, Vice President; Teri Klein, Treasurer; Dino de Leyba, Secretary; Scott Wiggerman, Albuquerque Chair; Jules Nyquist, Membership Chair; Bonnie Rucobo, Children's Poetry Project Chair; Andy Penner, Past President, Shirley Blackwell, Past President and National Federation of State Poetry Societies Liaison

Absent: Quorum met

President calls meeting to order at 6:06 p.m., Jules reads her Sestina, Roses

- **Vice Presidents Report:** Iris submitted NMSPS report for Strofies October, Bernadette also submitted an article – both working on board bios for website and a newsletter with Jules
- **Secretaries Report:** Board minutes of June 4, 2017 approved
- **Treasurer Report:** Balances since last report: Checking \$1,454.46, Interest-Earning Shared Draft - \$11,144.20. NMSPS Annual Federal e-990 filed, State return in progress – complete notes available, additional notes to follow:
- **Chapter Reports:**
 - **Albuquerque** – Barbara Rockman - September 9; Nathan Brown – October; Jeanetta Calhoun Mish - November
 - **Santa Fe** – Jeffrey Wright – Spring 2017

Chapter Notes:

- Four Corners Poets – no longer a chapter
- Angel Fire – no longer a chapter
- Mountain Voices – in process of being organized by Bill Nevens
 - Oct 2017 - Fire Angel Sunset featuring Gayle Lauradunn
 - Dec 207 – Zachary Kluckman
- **Project Leader Reports**
 - **Billy Brown** – no report provided - Jules would like to take over calendar events, will speak with Billy Brown and Debbie Gutierrez
- **Children's Poetry Project (Poet in the Classroom)** – Bonnie Rucobo is in process of drafting a letter to contacts in three Albuquerque elementary schools: Alvarado, Reginald Chavez, and Cochiti, to set program calendar dates – complete notes available

- **National Federation of State Poetry Societies Student Award:** NM State Poetry Society was recognized for their participation in celebrating poetry in New Mexico, complete annual convention update provided by NMSPS President and Jules Nyquist is available
- **Membership Report:** as of September 11 2017
 - ABQ-56
 - Enchanted Mesa – 1
 - High Prairie – 3
 - Rio Grande Valencia – 11
 - River Poets – 6
 - Santa Fe – 43
 - Southwest Speaks – 3
 - Mountain Voices – tbd
 - At Large - 8
- **NMSPS 2018 State Convention Project:** In process of securing facility and chairperson – possibly Ginny Gaskill
- **Webmaster:** In process of reaching out to Carolyn LeBlanc who has shown interest in participating in NMSPS
 - ❖ **General Discussion:**
 - National Federation of State Poetry Societies Contest #50 Student, NMSPS to advise NFSPS that we would like to sponsor Contest #50 in 2019, suggestion made to include Manny Gonzalez’ daughter to participate, to what extent and more detail to be determined
 - Bernadette suggests the possible consideration of Navajo Elementary as an addition to the schools included in the Children’s Poetry Project, Alias Casaus – contact
 - It is noted that the Amigo Award \$250 cash award to the Open Space Alliance is unrelated to the Poet’s Picnic event held May 20, 2017
 - NMSPS 2018 Convention – use local folks, provide allowance for presenters traveling from outside the greater Albuquerque area, Santa Fe for instance.
 - Voting by email for chapter expenditures or board business is no longer a preferred method of communication, requests requiring board approval will now be made to the board president who will determine the best way to disseminate the information/request

❖ **Budget Notes:**

- Member Drive is for new first time members only, \$50 gift cards x 2 - memberships received September through October 2017
- Chapter Support and Special Project Categories combined to create Outreach Category – \$450 budgeted to Chapter Support and \$250 budgeted to Special Project Category have been incorporated into Outreach - \$700 (chapter travel is not a separate category, is budgeted in Outreach)
- \$5000 monies donated specifically to NM State Poet Laureate Project have been set aside and are documented on a separate general ledger
- In-kind gifts are recognized on a separate general ledger document

Next meeting: Tentative: Wednesday January 11, 2018: 6 p.m., Jules' Playhouse, Albuquerque

Meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Dino de Leyba, 2017-2018 NMSPS Board Secretary