

## New Mexico State Poetry Society Board Meeting Minutes, January 11, 2018

Jules' Poetry Playhouse

**Present:** Bernadette Perez, President; Iris Gersh, Vice President; Dino de Leyba, Secretary; Dante Berry, Rio Grande Valencia Poets Chair and NMSPS 2018 Convention Co-chair; Bill Nevens, Taos Chapter Chair; Jules Nyquist, Membership, Billy Brown, Calendar Coordinator and Ginny Gaskill, NMSPS 2018 Convention Co-chair

**Absent:** Quorum met

Meeting called to order at 6:14 p.m.

### Chapter Reports:

- **The Santa Fe Poetry Trails** - John Casquarelli steps down as chapter chair January 23, 2018, Debbi Brody assumes this position
- **Rio Grande Valencia Poets** - Dante Berry reports hosted event at Our Lady of Belen Festival, to commence monthly meeting beginning February

Bill Nevens spoke to the formation of an Angel Fire chapter, readings monthly thus far, resume in March with Teresa Gallion, April with Jules Nyquist and John Roche, May to be determined, June with Kevin Higgins

- **Children's Poetry Project**  
Cleveland Middle School March 8, Alvarado Elementary March 16, and Cochiti Elementary April 13.
- **President's Report** – Spoke to College Undergraduate Poetry Competition, 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention Contest, Blackberry Peach Spoken and Written Word Poetry Contest, Manningham Trust Student Poetry Contest. NMSPS continues to pursue sponsoring Grade 6-8 and 9-12 divisions
- **VP Report** – Iris assist continues to Bonnie Rucobo with Children's' Poetry Project 2018
- Treasurer's Report – Checking \$1,114.87, Interest Earning \$11,977.58 – as of December 31, 2017
- Secretary Report – Sept 11, 2018 minutes approved
- Membership Report – 96
  
- **Board approves** \$250 sponsorship of Poet's Picnic
- **Board approves** \$150 sponsorship of Albuquerque Sign Language for an upcoming event, to list NMSPS as sponsor and provide discount tickets – board suggests event take place at annual convention

### Misc Notes:

- Jules Nyquist – takes on social media chair position, Debbie Miller Gutierrez continues to support website management.
- Elected board met to discuss particulars of 2018 NMSPS convention. Discussion to follow after the meeting this evening with a more formal discussion scheduled for January 16, with co-chairs Ginny Gaskill and Dante Berry
  
- **Positions Open**
  - Archive / Historian
  - Newsletter Editor Lead

**Next meeting: Thursday** March 15 6:30 p.m., Jules' Poetry Playhouse Albuquerque

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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