

## **New Mexico State Poetry Society Board Meeting Minutes, June 23, 2018**

Boxcar Sports Bar – Santa Fe, New Mexico

**Present:** Bernadette Perez, President; Iris Gersh, Vice President; Terri Klein, Treasurer; Dino de Leyba, Secretary; Jules Nyquist, Membership and Social Media Chair; Bonnie Rucobo, Children's Poetry Project Chair; Debbi Brody, Santa Fe Chair, and Shirley Blackwell, Past President and National Federation of State Poetry Societies Liaison

**Absent:** Quorum met

President calls meeting to order: 11:30 a.m. Debbi Brody reads poem by Joy Harjo – Praise the Rain

### **NMSPS Convention** – Albuquerque, NM – April 28, 2018; Voices of an Enchanted Land

- Event held at South Valley Multipurpose Center, Ginny Gaskill and Dante Berry, co-chairs,
- Attendance 51
- 3 Workshops, Emblem Structure, Scott Wiggerman; Point of View, Greg Candela; Poems with a Turn, Donald Levering - very well received (survey)
- Convention fee \$30 from \$20 previous year to accommodate evening event and to cover costs of non-member on site registrations
- Evening event – open mic – attendance 15
- Over-estimated attendance at evening event – lost \$ due to food provided for 60
- Convention survey remarks mostly positive, comments regarding board meeting: meeting went too long, board meeting space too large for such a small group, request intimate breakfast and board meeting, entertainment: music provided too loud and went on too long; , building site, location of event in south valley questionable; publisher's panel: went on too long

### **NFSPS National Convention 2018** – Denver, CO - May 31-June 3, 2018

- National Federation of State Poetry Society recognized the NM State Poetry Society in the following categories: National Poetry Day & Poetry Month, Youth Award, both NMSPS and the individual chapter, Santa Fe Trails, for their work with youth
- Delegates attending included Bernadette Perez, Shirley Blackwell, Ginny Gaskill and Tomey Anaya.
- Approximate attendance 150
- Shirley reports that workshops were symbolic and contemporary in nature, workshops were not just about the "basics." -consider these ideas for 2019 Santa Fe, also involve the youth and possible workshops about formulating ideas

### **NFSPS National Convention 2019** – Santa Fe, NM – June 24-26, Pre-event June 23

- Event Site: Hotel Santa Fe and Sage Inn – to share facilities for event
- Ginny Gaskill voted in as official Chair, to choose co-chair
- Bernadette and Shirley visit Hotel Santa Fe on this day June 23
- Bernadette provides promo at Denver convention
- Announcement also made at NMSPS Convention April 2018
- Rough agenda is required by NMSPS to NFSPS January 2019

### • NFSPS National Convention 2019 (cont.)

- Keynote speaker suggestions are: Joy Harjo, Margaret Randall, Luci Tapahonso, Valerie Martinez, Simon Ortiz and Arthur Sze
- Ginny has reserved NM State Roundhouse for one afternoon, may use for Blackberry Awards, open mic with keynote speakers, space will be open to the public, is possible the NM Department of Tourism along with NM True, will film the event
- A direct report from Ginny will follow to update us on the status of events

### Poet's Picnic - Open Space Visitors Center, Albuquerque, NM – May 26, 2018

- NMSPS sponsored at \$250, Scott Wiggerman event host

- NMSPS table made available
- John Macker donated two books to use as desired
- NMSPS to consider sponsorship for 2019

Chapter Reports:

o Santa Fe – Debbi Brody – all Santa Fe poetry events well attended, members excited that national convention will be in Santa Fe 2019

- Board encourages chapters submit tentative budgets as soon as possible for 2018-2019

o President's Report:

o Student contest we wanted to sponsor in 2019 no longer viable, remittance to be returned to NMSPS

o Vice President's Report:

▪ Casa San Isidro event July 14 – opportunity for poets – details by contacting Iris at [vicepresident@nmpoetry.com](mailto:vicepresident@nmpoetry.com)

o Secretaries' Report: Board minutes of NMSPS to be provided

o Membership Report: 81 paid members

o Treasurer Report: Bank reconciliation as of May 31, 2018 - Balances:

o Checking \$628.15

o Interest-Earning Shared Draft – Savings - \$5,842.15

o NM State Poet Laureate Fund - \$5,001.82

Checking and Poet Laureate balances will consolidate with Checking

NM State Attorney General's Office is requesting past years documentation of business activity be provided

▪ Misc. General Discussion:

▪ \$500 check delivered to Reginald Chavez for printing of children's' poetry book - cashed without the deliverance of the books, will discuss how to address this issue

▪ Elizabeth Becker at Albuquerque Art Museum invites students to read their poems

▪ Motion made to offer Michelle Otero and all future Poet Laureates complimentary membership for the duration of their respective terms – motion passed

▪ Invitation of Life Event – honoring Susan Paquet, July 8, all invited – Motion made to have NMSPS honor Susan by including her name to the Land of Enchantment 50s Poetry Contest category in 2020 – motion passed

❖ Seated board agenda: Tentative: July 7, 2018

➤ Budget 2018-2019

➤ Membership – constitutional amendment possible

➤ Discuss appointment of nominating committee

➤ Reginald Chavez & Children's Project matter

Next board meeting: Tentative: Saturday September 22, 2018, location tbd

Meeting adjourned at 1:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dino de Leyba, 2017-2018 NMSPS Board Secretary