

Everyone told something good about poetry in their lives lately.

Ginny - National Convention: passed out an agenda - see handout notes

Maybe have a daily registration option for locals who only want one day

National pays 1/2 cost of Encore (1/2 of \$3)

Maybe get Tote Bags donated by City of Santa Fe?

Bookstore will happen. Maybe we will also do silent auction.

Exquisite Corpse at a dinner (or every meal) with Day of the Dead decor.

Maybe create some kind of small remembrance publication?

We can bring our own A/V to hotel (cost). In Roundhouse, mics are free.

Debby Brody is willing to unofficially coordinate with Ginny Gaskill on Convention (since Debby is in Santa Fe).

\$10,000 is preliminary budget.

Bonnie - Poetry in the Classroom:

Going to same 3 schools. Focusing on Alvarado this year. Albuquerque museum has a program for families. In April, some kids will be chosen to present their poems. Poems will be about 5 pieces in the museum that kids can relate to. Kids will write the poems in school. About 1000 kids were reached (taught) over 3 days of programs in schools.

Museum is willing to make posters of the museum pieces for the classrooms and host the kids gratis. This is a trial balloon—if it goes well, can become an annual thing.

Chandra Bales (sp) and Jacqueline Lorre (sp) will be helping with admin. work.

There were no “no-shows” among the poets who volunteered to work with the kids (YAY!)

PROBLEM: \$500 given by NMSPS to produce a book at Reginald Chavez. Bonnie offered to help the school put the book together, but the school said they could handle it themselves. School was very nice to the poets (fed them breakfast & treated them to lunch at Church St. Cafe). Then in May, the principal called Bonnie for a meeting, but Bonnie was going out of the country. When Bonnie got back, Principal said they weren’t finished yet and “maybe we’ll work on it during the summer.” But 5th graders’ poems would not be in the school.

What needs to happen is a very clear, legalistic letter must be written asking for the money back.

Time out from Andi - We got into that school because her daughter-in-law was there (but no longer there). We’d still like to use the students’ work.

Dino - at this point it’s very friendly and we are hoping Bernadette has heard something positive.

Terri told about her offer to type and print.

Andi - can we do the legal thing and get the \$500 back? Andi wants to separate the \$500 from what the kids did.

Terri sent Huerta email to Bonnie & read it out.

Andi suggested a membership proposal meeting. Terri asked if meeting could be after October 8.

Budget passed as amended (Nat'l Convention needs its own budget.)

Discussion of Bill Nevins—cut off. Shirley says proposal process was in place during Fil Peach admin. (No paperwork exists per Terri!)

Dino talked about Juan Tabo library reading and about maybe doing membership next year.

Iris - Random acts of poetry day (1st Wednesday in October). Iris working on this and on something with kids.

Bookworks - if we have a list of members who have written books, they could stock those members' titles on consignment. They asked if we wanted to have an annual reading there. Maybe something around new members?

Shirley - about October! As first Vice Chancellor of National, she does things about National Poetry Month & "National Poetry Day" (U. S. doesn't have one). UNESCO declared World Poetry Day March 21. There are many countries that celebrate Oct. 15 (Virgil's birthday). Coming up for Board discussion at Federal level.

Next meeting: December? January? Tentatively January 5, 2019.

Bernadette should do a recap for the Board on what's happening w/ \$500 mess.

Shirley will ask National President (Julie Cummings—lives in Denver and has volunteered to help us) about fundraisers for State society during national convention.

Scott - Poets' Picnic (May 25)

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