



Minutes of the Meeting
Board of Directors of Poetry Promise, Inc.
February 29, 2020

Those present included Board Members Chris Giunchigliani, Joshua Abbey, Rosa Mendoza, and Bruce Isaacson. Vogue Robinson (Executive Director) was not present. Director Rodney Lee was also unable to attend. A quorum was noted, and, having been duly noticed by email from the Board Chair, the meeting was called to order by Bruce Isaacson in his capacity as Board Chair of Poetry Promise, Inc. at approximately 12:05 p.m. on February 29, 2020 at Winchester Cultural Center.

The Board reviewed the Minutes of the last meeting, which had been circulated in advance. Josh moved and Rosa seconded to approve the Minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

Bruce Isaacson (Treasurer) provided copies and discussed the Treasurer's Report. Bruce noted that we are doing better generating revenue. There was discussion.

General discussion followed about upcoming events and partnerships, including: Gayle Brandeis' visit 3/13 and 3/14 (Vogue obtained a Nevada Humanities grant for this), Richard Loranger's visit 3/28-28 with the JOS-PP Award Reading, Jennifer Blowdryer June 2020, and the Ecopoetics Series by Heather Lang-Cassera. A copy of the Standard Grant/ Donation Report was provided and discussed. We hope to review this at every meeting. The responsibility for applications would be divided among Vogue and the Board. Some of the partnerships and future events discussed included: Las Vegas Academy for the John Oliver Simon Poetry Promise Award, the LGBT Center, SF Poet Laureate Kim Schuck, the Jewish Anti-Defamation League, and Nevada Now. There was considerable discussion about ways to start a slam, fund, and partner with the Brave New Voices organization or events.

Poets in the Schools has a sustainable model as led by Vogue, and its status was discussed.

The Board discussed its next meeting, and it was agreed to be set later. Bruce asked that the meeting be no later than July 11, after the end of the new fiscal year.

Josh moved and Chris seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a unanimous vote and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:25 p.m.

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The above minutes are approved and submitted by the Secretary, Board Chair, and Board of Directors.

Board of Directors of Poetry Promise, Inc.

Rosa Mendoza, Board Member & Secretary

Bruce Isaacson, Chair & Treasurer

Joshua Abbey, Board Member

Chris Giunchigliani, Board Member

Rodney J. Lee, Board Member