



Minutes of the Meeting
Board of Directors of Poetry Promise, Inc.
October 10, 2020

Those present included Board Members Chris Giunchigliani, Rodney Lee, Joshua Abbey, Rosa Mendoza, and Bruce Isaacson. The meeting was held via Zoom, in keeping with restrictions necessary for Covid-19 safety. 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.

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

The board reviewed a draft of the Budget for the corporation covering 7/1/20 through 6/30/21. Several corrections were noted and Bruce agreed to circulate a revised version via email for adoption. A Treasurer's report was provided on the financial operations so far this fiscal year. Vogue has brought in new support from Howard Hughes and City of Henderson. The largest event so far was the Joy Harjo virtual reading, and it was deemed successful.

Bruce noted that, since Vogue was no longer acting to review, it was appropriate for him to submit a list of expenses paid to him or his companies as part of the Treasurer's report. The group further reviewed in detail our standard Grant Report form. There was detailed discussion on this with suggestions of grants we might seek. These include the OAG (Chris/Bruce), Cox, Dayvid Figler's legal friends, Tony Tenille, and Susan Boskopf. A copy of a revised Grant Report form, including edits from the discussion, is attached.

Various programs were discussed. There would be excitement for Louise Gluck, a recent Nobel winner, if we could get her. Bruce noted that we know her agency, though it's a busy time for her. There was also some discussion of Fred Moten, a Las Vegas native who recently won a MacArthur fellowship.

The Board discussed its next meeting, and it was tentatively set for November 21 at 12:00 p.m. via Zoom. Bruce will notice the meeting and send a link.

Rodney moved and Chris seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried without objection and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:55 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