



Minutes of the Meeting
Board of Directors of Poetry Promise, Inc.
August 14, 2021

Those present included Board Members Rosa Mendoza, Rodney Lee, and Bruce Isaacson. Chris Giunchigliani joined a few minutes late. The meeting was held via Zoom, in keeping with restrictions necessary for Covid-19 safety. A quorum was noted and, having been duly noticed at the last meeting and 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. Rodney moved and Bruce seconded to approve the Minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

Bruce noted with sadness the resignation of Board Member Joshua Abbey, and with gratitude for his service. Bruce thanked the remaining Board Members for their continuing service and discussed board contributions. Bruce believes all Board Members have graciously contributed in their own manner and we continue on a good path of governance. Bruce mentioned that taxes have been filed, our E & O insurance renewed for the year, year-end financial data have been provided. There was a consensus that it would be good to keep the Board to an odd number of participants to avoid ties in voting. Some discussion was had about potential future Board Members, and names floated.

Some discussion was held about the Clark County Poet Laureate program and our efforts to support and organize readings with the new Poet Laureate. Bruce mentioned that Sin had given an excellent reading at our Saturday series. The Standard Grant Donation Report was reviewed.

- A number of sources we thought might renew are not ready due to ongoing Covid-19 issues.
- We have \$4,000 in state pandemic funds from NAC expected to be approved soon.
- Chris provided a lead on County pandemic funds, which Bruce will follow up. Several ideas were floated for programs which are in our wheelhouse and can be community service oriented, including Suicide Prevention and a Poet's Relief Fund.
- Chris will talk to Tick Segerblom to help see if we can apply for an OAG Grant.
- Vogue is working with new employee Tomi Simmons on an NAC Project Grant for the Slam.
- Vogue will also look at the Arts Learning Project.
- Bruce is working on our Nevada Humanities source.

Other types of partnerships were discussed. Chris mentioned the new Executive Director at the Library and Bruce will ask Vogue to see if there is an opportunity to work more closely with them. Bruce will ask Vogue to reach out to the Library executive who arranged sponsorship of our Tracy K. Smith reading with idea of working closer with them. Bruce mentioned that an event is planned with Walnut Community Center for Sept. 16. This was arranged by an introduction from Rodney and coordination between Vogue and Walnut's Community outreach executive.

The Board agreed to schedule its next meeting via email.

Chris moved and Rodney seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried without objection and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:40 p.m.

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

Chris Giunchigliani, Board Member

Rodney J. Lee, Board Member