



Minutes of the Meeting
Board of Directors of Poetry Promise, Inc.
February 15, 2025

Those present included Board Members Chris Giunchigliani, Rodney Lee, and Bruce Isaacson. Rosa Mendoza had a conflict, told us in advance, and was unable to attend. The meeting was held via Zoom. The meeting was duly noticed by email and called to order by Bruce Isaacson in his capacity as Board Chair at approximately 11:30 a.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.

Bruce discussed his financial report. It was noted that the organization was financially stable, but at a reduced level of income and expenditure. The company has enough cash in the bank to support the need to advance money for reimbursements for the OAG Grant. Pages from the last tax return were provided to the Board together with a list of amounts paid to poets in the last fiscal year. It was over \$89,000.

Bruce reviewed recent events, including the bilingual Ruben Medina reading, the AvantPop Poetry Arcade, and workshops via the Saturday Series and W. Charleston Library. The need to financially support our Teaching Artists was discussed. Administration of the OAG Grant was discussed.

Bruce noted that federal funding had been canceled due to the national political climate, including our Nevada Humanities funding received for five years and sourced from the National Endowment. He believes we are on a good footing for OAG in 2025-2026 provided we can spend what has been given in 2024-2025. He also discussed the possibility of bringing a major poet, Marge Piercy, for a Zoom event. Bruce intends to seek money from Clark County. A major concern is keeping the JOS Poetry Promise Award going, but Chris said she may have \$5,000 to \$7,500 from the legacy of her non-profit to help. Everyone was very grateful though it won't be known for certain until next month. Chris also connected us with an executive at GrantLab. Bruce will reach out. Rodney has a group working a donation yet to be completed.

The need to meet at least quarterly was discussed. Bruce will notice and propose a next meeting by email. Rodney moved and Chris seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried without objection and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:07PM.

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