



Minutes of the Meeting
Board of Directors of Poetry Promise, Inc.
May 31, 2025

Those present included Board Members Chris Giunchigliani, Rosa Mendoza, and Bruce Isaacson. Rodney Lee was unable to attend. The meeting was held via Zoom. The meeting was noticed by email and called to order by Bruce Isaacson in his capacity as Board Chair at approximately 12:05 p.m.

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

Bruce reviewed recent programs, including the reading by Marge Piercy, which was well-attended despite some technical glitches. Poets in the Schools has done its core programs for the year, with straggler programs occurring at NPHY and elsewhere. We will spend funds beyond the 2024-25 OAG allocation once we know if our successive year's OAG funding is approved. This is basic to our survival—probably they will tell us the first week of June. We have new programs going with the Henderson Library District, which is funding them fully. Our weekly Saturday Series workshops continue successfully, as do the West Charleston Library workshops. The LC-CC Library funds these directly and will for next year also.

Bruce discussed his financial report. The financial position of the corporation is stable. We are expecting an additional large payment from Clark County the first week of June. The employee we hired didn't continue, due to illness. We hired a new young person who has been traveling and will start soon in earnest. This tumult will delay the JOS Award until the fall. Bruce is still struggling to keep up in running PITS, but overall, he believes we're succeeding.

Thanks to Chris Giunchigliani for a major donation from Gray's Leadership Academy. And to Rodney Lee for a generous donation from Kendra Scott Jewelry. The Saturday Series has also secured some financial support from participants. Bruce noted we could use new funding. Chirs has a valuable suggestion to introduce us to the new Director of Arts & Culture at the City of Las Vegas. Chris to make the introduction and Bruce to follow up.

Chris also would like to introduce us to the NAACP, which has a program for young people that could overlap with PITS. Bruce noted that we are readying a publicity campaign in June to get manuscripts for the JOS Poetry Promise Award and we could likely help one another. Chris indicated she'd make the introduction.

There is a need to meet at least quarterly for OAG. Bruce will notice and propose a next meeting by email, perhaps Saturday, August 30 at noon via Zoom. Chris moved and Rosa seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried without objection and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:25PM.

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