

PST-West Tennessee

March 6, 2021 Meeting

Poetry Inspiration

- Several of our Festival speakers have suggested collecting words and phrases
 - Conversations
 - News and journal articles
 - Literature
- Juxtapose unusual thoughts/ideas to “jump start” – this may be your title, but maybe not
 - Orange road
 - Sad chair
 - Twisted kindness

Exercise – 5 minutes, 5 lines

- Take two or more words or phrases from the box below, and create a 5-line poem

Face like thunder

Intentional

Get wonky

Bright

With intent

Blooming crocuses

There are no strangers

Dog's life

Review of PST's February Executive Committee Meeting

- Revision of Constitution and Bylaws
 - Integrate leadership of the three chapters
 - PST will be administered by an Executive Committee
 - 2 members of each Chapter's Board sit on the Executive Committee
 - Festival, Festival Contest, Anthology, etc. all now administered through the Executive Committee
 - Chapters will function locally
 - Working with pro-bono group to work through formal revisions

Why?

(1) Chapters did not feel like they had representation/buy in when PST-WT made decisions

(2) PST-WT is not large enough to manage all of this on our own anymore

First Change

- All PST news (Festival, Monthly winners, etc.) will now be announced separately from Chapter news.
 - Expect an attachment to Chapter emails
 - Please read – this will have important news and information
 - It will also have requests for volunteers – we are still supporting **ALL** PST functions

Second Change
– Monthly
Contest
Schedule for
2021/2022

Month	Contest Due Date
May	No contest
June	May 15
July	June 15
August	July 15
September	No contest
October	September 15
November	October 15
December	November 15
January	December 15
February	January 15
March	February 15
April	No contest

No contest submittals prior to NFSPS or Festival due dates.

End of year break to focus on membership and building next year's contests.

Third Change – Anthology

- Self publishing
 - High external publisher costs
 - Additional freedom in designing/producing document
- Funding of Anthology
 - 2020/2021 Year (ending May 2021) – included in dues
 - 2021/2022 and following – no longer included in dues
 - You will be able to order the anthology
 - Preorder through us
 - Order online through Amazon

Notes from PST-WT Discussion

- PST dues will remain \$25 for 2021/2022, after anthology is removed; this allows us to “balance out” for other increases in costs
- We will review costs again next year; the Executive Committee considered raising dues this year, but did not given the pandemic and associated financial crisis
- For transparency, the dues are broken out as follows:
 - \$3 to NFSPS
 - \$12 to PST
 - \$10 remains with the Chapter
- JoAn noted that Kentucky dues are \$35/year

Fourth Change – Patrons

Level	Minimum Donation	Business Website Listing in Anthology	Author Website Listing in Anthology	Additional Copy of Anthology	Listing in Anthology as Patron
Platinum	\$50	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Gold	\$25	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Silver	\$15	No	No	No	Yes

PST-West Tennessee Objectives

- Our active membership is very low (<10 out of 30 local members)
- Our goal for 2021/2022 is recruitment
 1. For 2021/2022 we will not have regular meetings at White Station Public Library
 2. We will coordinate readings/poetry workshops at different libraries around Memphis/Southaven/Germantown/Collierville/Bartlett
 3. Target 50+ age group

Proposed Schedule of Events – 2021/2022

Month	In Person/Virtual	Activity
June	Virtual	Poetry reading
July	In Person	Reading/Workshop (location TBD)
August	Virtual	Poetry reading
September	In Person	Reading/Workshop (location TBD)
October	Virtual	Festival (date TBD)
November	In Person	Reading/Workshop (location TBD)
December	In Person	Social (location TBD)
January	In Person	Reading/Workshop (location TBD)
February	Virtual	PST-Wide Critiquing Session
March	In Person	Reading/Workshop (location TBD)
April	TBD	Student Contest Winners
May	Virtual	Poetry reading

Notes from PST-WT Discussion

- Russell reminded everyone that NFSPS's convention will be online/virtual in June
- Lauren suggested coordinating one of our reading/workshop events with the University of Memphis poet community; she will reach out to them and see if they are interested. Russell also suggested Rhodes.
- Significant discussion re: outreach for Student Contests
 - Try to reach out to Middle School/Lower School Librarians
 - Poetry Clubs
 - Lauren will try to find the District Newsletter contact, so we can send them information
 - Elizabeth will try to find the corresponding information for the Catholic Schools




PST-WT
Officers/Slate
for
2021/2022



- President – William Hill
- Treasurer – Lori Goetz
- Secretary – Ruby Jones

You will receive a ballot via email; please reply via email before our April meeting. This is an important part of PST-WT business, so that we can conduct our administrative affairs. Thank you!

All officers will be sworn in during our May 2021 meeting.



PST Needs You!

Festival Contest Sponsorships

- Please fill out a sponsorship form and return to Lori by 3/31/2021

Volunteers for the Festival Contest

- Contest Coordinator (timeline/commitment – March-October)
- Brochure design (timeline/commitment – late March/early April)
- Rules review committee (timeline/commitment – March)
- Publicity (timeline/commitment – periodic, May-August)
- Poem Manager (timeline/commitment – May-September)

Russell's Critiquing Challenge

Remember – NFSPS is
due on March 15th!!!

Upcoming Members- Only Contests

April 2021

- Sponsor: PST NE
- Subject: Any
- Form: Any
- Lines: 40 max
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May 2021

- Sponsor: Howard Carman, Jr.
- Subject: Any
- Form: Petrarchan Sonnet
- Lines: 14

- Send entries to PST
Monthly Contest Chair:
Ann Carolyn Cates, 7471
Greenbrook Pkwy,
Southaven, MS 38671.
Further details on format
etc. can be found at
[http://www.poetrytenness
ee.org/contests](http://www.poetrytenness
ee.org/contests).



Winners – March Members- Only Contest

Sponsored and judged by Ruby Jones.
Subject, "Justice" 13 entries

- 1st place William Hill, Southaven, MS -- "Justice?"
 - 2nd place Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX -- "Tax Evasion"
 - 3rd place James (Mac) Perry, Brownsville, TN -- "The Hunger and Thirst"
 - 1HM Rose Klix, Elizabethton, TN -- "Justice Rocks"
 - 2HM Howard Carman, Blountsville, TN -- "I Dream a World"
 - 3HM Dr. Emory Jones, Iuka, MS -- "Holocaust (Abminable Injustice)" (sic)
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Next Reading, Next Meeting

- Next Reading – March 18, 7 pm
- Next Meeting – April 3, 2 pm
(Student Contest Winners
announced and read)