

Highlights from the December 7, 2021 PST Executive Committee Meeting

We've been very busy, and we wanted to update you with what's happening at PST at the State level, and with upcoming plans.

The Anthology Board (Howard Carman, Rose Klix, Matthew Gilbert, and Janet Qually) reviewed final proofs, made final edits, and published the 2020/2021 *Tennessee Voices* this month. Look for member copies to be distributed soon. Looking for extras for friends and relatives? They are available for sale now on Amazon in both paperback and Kindle editions. Congratulations to the Anthology Board! Thank you and great job!

We had a late sponsorship for a 2022 contest, so please note that our spring contest schedule has changed:

February (deadline January 15th)

Sponsor: Russell Strauss

Subject: I've been working on the railroad – a poem, either lyric or narrative, about railroads or trains

Form: Any

Lines 10-30

March (deadline February 15th)

Sponsor: Norma Young (new sponsorship)

Subject: Any

Form: Any

Lines 40 max

May (deadline April 15th)

Sponsor: PST-Northeast (changed to May)

Subject: Any

Form: Any

Lines 40 max

We regret to inform everyone that Norma Young, a lifetime member, passed away last week (after sending in her sponsorship). Please remember her love of poetry by participating!

Reminder that PST members not affiliated with a chapter may participate in Zoom meetings for any chapter. Some of our chapters also have (or are forming) critiquing groups. Please see our webpages (<https://www.poetrytennessee.org/>) and Facebook pages for additional information, and reach out to the contacts below for information about meeting times.

- Contact for PST-Northeast, Howard Carman (hscarman@charter.net)
- Contact for PST-Knoxville, Sharon Sweeney (sharon.knoxville.tn@gmail.com)
- Contact for PST-Memphis, William Hill (hillw@bellsouth.net)

IMPORTANT!!! In February, PST will hold our society-wide annual critiquing meeting, which will be held via Zoom. All PST members are invited to submit poems for review by a 3-person critiquing panel. Please do not submit "award winning" poems...this is intended to help improve poems which are "in

process". Poems will be submitted to judges anonymously, and you can either receive feedback via attendance, or transcribed comments if you do not attend. Submit poems to Lori Goetz no later than January 20, 2022 (received-by date) — poetrytennessee@gmail.com, or 2153 Wood Creek Dr, Germantown, TN 38138.

Finally, we are trying to identify volunteers for the following state-wide committee positions for 2021/2022 (no prior experience necessary!):

- Monthly Contest Chair
- Festival Committee
- Festival Contest Chair
- Festival Contest Committee
- Anthology Board
- Student Contest Committee
- Publicity Committee
- Educational Outreach

(I will chime in here and say that the Anthology Board is a great way for folks to learn about self-publishing. And many of these roles do not take up a lot of time — they are periodic commitments, and we have “experienced” members to guide you through. Think about it!)

As always, full minutes from our December 7th meeting can be found on the PST website. Any questions, please feel free to call me or any of our Executive Committee members.

- Lori Goetz
Secretary/Treasurer, PST Executive Committee