North Andover Poet Laureate Committee Agenda

Tuesday, February 11, 2025 6:30 PM online only
Public access email: poetemails@northandoverma.gov

Pursuant to Section 20 of Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, this meeting of the North Andover Poet Laureate Committee will be conducted via remote participation. For this meeting, members of the public who wish to watch the meeting may do so via Google Meet link: meet.google.com/uwq-vpyg-fje

Invitees: PLC chair: Karen Kline, PLC members: Dan Speers, Graham Jackson, Signe Spencer, Christa Lamb
Past Poet Laureate: Mark Bohrer

1. Review Minutes last meeting

2. Town of North Andover line item for contributions to Poet Laureate Committee

ACTION: Karen – confirm mechanism and proposed fund name with Melissa Rodrigues
Fund Name: NA Poet Laureate Committee – Anne Bradstreet Fund

3. Anne Bradstreet Poetry Contest 2025 Fifth Anniversary
Theme: Growing Our Community – Planting Seeds of Poetry

4. Contest Input/Prep
• website status – Christa
▪ ACTION: Christa: Can you make the submission button send an email to annebradstreetpoetrycontest@gmail.com. I tested it, but no email was received.
▪ ACTION: Karen – send Christa promo/writeup about poetry celebration on common
▪ DONE: Mark – send Christa YouTube links.

• Contest Prompts –
▪ ACTION: Graham: format prompts for each age category
▪ ACTION: Mark: Send Graham past prompts and poetry form prompt from this year

▪ Three Prompts: 1) Gr K-2 2) Gr 3-5, 3) MS, HS and Adult

• Contest Announcement Email – from last year's annc on google drive
▪ ACTION: Mark – format one for schools and one for general submitters
▪ ACTION: Karen – send Mark emails
▪ ACTION: Mark or Signe – collect superintendent, principal and English teacher emails from North Andover and Andover
▪ Mark or Signe to send – possibly by Sunday Feb 9th when ready

• Contest Coordinator this year: Signe

5. Contest Promotion:
• New yard signs – ACTION: Mark – get quote from previous sign company
• Flyer for stores – Mark
• NA Poets Corner/FB announcement – Mark - when we have website ready to go

6. Contest Fund Raising
• After Town funding in place: Ask for contribution support to help us pay for signs and promotion
3 levels ($50, $100, $200)
Use Contest Flyer, talk about contest 5th year, Anne Bradstreet history in town, Valley of the Poets
• Idea to have a poem written by local poet to display in a restaurant?

7. Other topics
Anthology book – idea to publish poems from previous years
New Poet Laureate

8. New Business

9. Next Meeting