

North Andover Poet Laureate Committee Agenda

Monday, February 24, 2025 6:30 PM online only

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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/rea-each-rnt

Invitees: PLC chair: Karen Kline, PLC members: Dan Speers, Graham Jackson, Past Poet Laureate: Mark Bohrer, Signe Spencer, Christa Lamb, Michael Finegold, Dave Kres (Select Board)

1. Review Minutes last meeting

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

- Line item created:
 - o Fund Name: NA Poet Laureate Committee – Anne Bradstreet Fund
- ACTION: Karen – get line item number to use for reimbursement requests.

3. Review contest prompt

- ACTION: Graham - Add mention of Rap, Free verse, Specular poetry & perhaps combine into Villanelle and Sonnet section.

4. Website – Christa – ACTIONS:

- connect submit button to annebradstreetpoetrycontest@gmail.com
- post contest prompt doc on website for download
- minor formatting cleanup
 - contest rules
 - bulletize & indent categories
 - bulletize how to submit your poem
 - add some spacing lines to improve ease of readability
- change contest opens date to Feb 15
- Karen – sent Christa a short history
- ACTION: Mark – send history of contest themes & poetry celebration on common
 - include YouTube links to past events here

5. Update on Contest Announcement - Mark

- email list for school superintendents, principals, English teachers, past teacher submitters - Mark
- plan to send by Thursday Feb 15

6. Contest Promotion

- yard signs - ACTION: Mark - get quote from previous sign company
- flyer for stores - Mark
- NA Poets Corner on FB – Mark
- Contest Promo – North Andover CAM & Andover CAM

7. 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?

8. Other topics

- Anthology book – idea to publish poems from previous years
- New Poet Laureate

9. New Business

10. Next Meeting