

National League of American Pen Women

Tampa Branch Minutes

Date: Oct. 17, 2017

Meeting called to order by President **Bonnie Phillips** at 11:43 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome guests: Bonnie Abel (Carlene Earl's stepdaughter from MI); **Andie (Andrea) Hardee**, winner of poetry contest; **Joan Brannick**

Minutes of past meetings can be read on our website: www.tampapenwomen.com. **Barb Routen** offered corrections and moved to approve amended minutes. **Carlene Earl** seconded; approved.

Treasurer's Report given by **Gainor Roberts**: \$2,786.61.

Attendance: Members: 18 Guests: 3

Announcements /New Business

- 1) Revised dates for Florida State Pen Women Conference in Daytona Beach: December 1-3, 2017.
- 2) **Sandy Huff** provided pumpkins for all members - thanks! Also discussed Winter 2017-2018 Pen Women Contest for Artists, a non-member juried art show that will run for three months (12/4/17-2/28/18) at Oldsmar Library. Members are encouraged to exhibit pieces, but they cannot compete.
- 3) **Andie Hardee** won 1st place (inaugural prize) for 2017 Poetry Contest, Tampa Florida Branch. She read her excellent poem, "Lying by Numbers", to us.
- 4) **Meletha Everett** moved that we donate nonperishable food in November and December for Metropolitan Ministries' food bank. **Carlene Earl** seconded. Passed.
- 5) **Neva Graham's** macramé creations were donated by her sister, **Dot Setlow**, for members as a remembrance.
- 6) **Susan Weilbacher** and family just returned from a grand adventure in England and France. Everywhere they went, cabbies and others said they were thinking of/praying for the people in America following the hurricanes.
- 7) **Deb O'Reilly** gave thanks (from her husband, also) for all the prayers, good thoughts, cards, food, and company provided by the Pen Women after she broke her back this summer.
- 8) **Kat Heckenbach** brought pendants for "clearance sale"; also announced that her church has booths available for craft fair, 11/11/17, with all money going to church missions.
- 9) Our Christmas Party will happen at **Virginia Holloway's** lovely home (thanks once again, Virginia!). It will be on our regular meeting day, the third Tuesday of the month (December 19th).

October 50/50 Raffle winner: Susan Weilbacher. She donated winnings to **Andie Hardee** to encourage her writing!

Give A Hoot winners: Joan Brannick, Bonnie Abel

November Inspiration: **Kat Heckenbach**

November Give a Hoot: **Gunni Price**

November Sweet Treats: **Carlene Earl**

Susan Weilbacher moved that meeting be adjourned. **Gunni Price** seconded. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m. for lunch, followed by a fascinating writing lesson by **Cat Gardiner-Trabulsi** on building credible worlds for your readers. And she showed us *her* credible WWII world!

~ Minutes respectfully submitted

by Deb O'Reilly, member