

National League of American Pen Women

Tampa Branch Minutes

Date: 5/16/17

Meeting called to order by President **Bonnie Phillips** at 11:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Inspirational Moment: Debbi O'Reilly – Honor Yourself!

Minutes of April: Motion made by Carlene Earl to accept the April 2017 minutes as printed on the website. Seconded by Kat Heckenbach. Motion carried. Past meetings can be read on our website:

www.tampapenwomen.com.

Treasurer's Report given by **Gainor Roberts**: 4246.83 (before payments of dues to National and State).) All dues but one are paid. *Melinda Albritton and Deborah Biasetti have dropped out; Carol Karow owes.*

Attendance: Members: 16 Prospective Member/Guest: 1 Jennifer Hand (art teacher) Guest Speaker: 1

Announcements / New Business

- 1) Bonnie Phillips: Wendy Keppley donated a book (from the April speaker, Rhonda J. Nelson) to share. It is now in Jennifer Hand's hands.
- 2) Bette Lafferty has Virginia's book this time around.
- 3) Barb Routen is applying for Music membership!
- 4) Meletha Everett said there will be a non-member Art contest in Oldsmar: Sandy Huff suggested doing it as an prospecting tool. More news in September; scheduled for October (?).
- 5) Kudos to Cat Gardiner Trabulsi, one of five Finalists awarded in the Romance category of the 2017 Next Generation Indie Book Awards for her WWII novel, *A Moment Forever*. Brava!
- 6) Gainor Roberts will hold an Egg Tempera workshop, July 22-23.
- 7) Barb Routen will be a speaker at the next Florida State Pen Women conference in Daytona Beach, speaking about the Performing Arts Medicine Association, PAMA. Congratulations, Barb!
- 8) Cat Gardiner Trabulsi will speak at our Pen Women branch this coming fall (date to be announced).
- 9) Today's fundraiser earned \$39.50 for our branch. Thank you all, for your donations and/or your purchases!

50/50 Raffle winner: Gainor Roberts -- \$7.50.

Give a Hoot raffle winner: Bonnie Phillips.

Bette Lafferty moved to adjourn; Judith Johnson seconded. Adjourned 1:15 p.m.

Guest speaker (before meeting): Barb Routen introduced **Shane Anderson**, who spoke on the art of music composition, and on performing as a founding member of Shane & Emily.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Debra O'Reilly, member