

National League of American Pen Women
Tampa Branch Minutes
Date: Jan 16, 2018

Meeting called to order by Vice-President **Barbara Routen** at 11:32 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Inspirational Moment: Meletha read from her new booklet "Inspirational Words"

Welcome guests: None **Welcome New Member:** Membership Chairwoman Kat Heckenbach presented the NLAPW certificate of membership to newly accepted Letters Member Joan Brannick. Congratulations, Joan! We're glad to welcome you into the Tampa branch!

Minutes of past meetings can be read on our website: www.tampapenwomen.com. Nov minutes were not yet on the website so they were read by Barb Routen. Meletha 1st Gainor 2nd Approved

Treasurer's Report given by **Gainor Roberts**: \$2748.48 Gainor handed out a summery sheet. She also announced her plans to retire as Treasurer in May.

Attendance: Members: 13 Guests: 0

Announcements / New Business

1. **Standing Rules:** Using the Sarasota Branches Standing Rules as a guide, The Tampa Branch of NLAPW Board members have been meeting to design our own Standing Rules. These were offered at our meeting for discussion on several relevant topics. An email of the updated Standing Rules will be sent to members and a vote will be taken next month for approval. This will be the 80th year for Tampa Branch.
2. **Metropolitan Ministries:** Carlene Earl reported that 97lbs of donated food was collected for Thanksgiving and 79 lbs for Christmas.
3. **State Fair Art Show: January 25-27,** Thursday thru Saturday, is when we take in our entries for the Florida State Fair. Sandy is entering a quilt, and Kat H is entering a terrific painting. Sandy will be going there one of those dates, and will be happy to deliver your fair entries too. The Fair runs Thursday Feb 8 to Monday, Feb 19, 2018.
<http://www.floridastatefair.com/>
4. **The Miniature Art Society of Florida show:** is on until **Sunday, Feb 4** at the Dunedin Fine Art center. This is always super, and well worth the \$8 donation. Here's their flyer: <http://www.miniature-art.com/PDF%20Files/2018%20Flyer%20landscape.pdf>
5. **Egg Tempra Workshop: Feb 4 & 18, 9:30 to 2ish.:** Gainor Roberts will hold an egg tempera workshop at her home. This is a unique opportunity to learn how to use this ancient technique. \$40 includes one or both Sundays. Call Gainor quick at 813-469-1641 so you'll have a spot.
6. **Book Promotion: Saturday, Feb 10,** Judy Johnson, (Not our Judy – this is a Florida State Assn letters member), is renting the vintage Garden Theater in Winter Garden to present her newest book: *Fascinating Women: Living by Faith*. It contains stories of 32 women and how their faith has touched their lives. The gala will be 2:30 to 5pm at the Garden Theater, www.gardentheatre.org. She promises fun and fellowship, prize drawings, music, and rubbing shoulders with the 30-some stars who will be wearing their finest. You're invited to come dressed up too! Sandy Huff will be going over with her 7 passenger van, and you're welcome to ride along. Call or text her at 727-420-6184, or email huffsandy@aol.com. There was mention of finger food too.
7. **NLAPW Biennial in Des Moines Iowa:** There is still time to enter the competitions for the NLAPW Biennial in Des Moines Iowa. Deadline for **music** members is Friday, Feb 16. **Art** Entries have been extended to Feb 14. **Letters** deadline is Jan 31. <http://www.nlapw.org/> Sandy Huff is planning on flying to Des Moines on April 16 through 23. Attend if you can -- the National conventions are great fun, and you meet really creative women (like yourself). Sandy needs a room mate.
8. **Oldsmar Art Show:** If you graciously put your art work in the Oldsmar show, take down dates are **Monday, Feb 26 through Wednesday, Feb 28**, during office hours at Oldsmar City Hall. 100 State St West, (813) 749-1100. You'll need to show the receptionist ID or written permission from the artist to take art. If you can't get there on those dates, Sandy Huff can pick up your art for you. Call or text her at 727-420-6184, or email huffsandy@aol.com.
9. **2019 Oldsmar Art Show:** There is a possibility that we can hang another Oldsmar art show in 2019. Our extremely tentative dates are February or March 2019. We'll need 50 to 75 pieces, so get those paint brushes moving! Also, we need to be able to contact Tampa Bay area artists. If you know of an artist, or an artist club, Sandy Huff is assembling

a list of **PR addresses**. Writers and musicians groups too. Call or text her at 727-420-6184, or email huffsandy@aol.com

10. **Suggested Group Project: Submit story “Women who Matter” book.**

11. **Proposed Amendments on National PW Ballots:** Meletha spoke regarding the ballots in the Winter 2018 Pen Woman magazine. Proposed Amendments #3 concerning audit. National Board wants a vote every 4 years which Meletha feels is not good enough. Should be every year. Suggests voting no on Amendment #3. #5 – Board wants voting done at Biennial and they will do it. It wants to take away mail in vote. Suggests voting no on Amendment #5. Make sure you put name on outside of envelope when you mail in your ballot.

50/50 Raffle winner: Deb O'Reilly won \$11.50

Sweet Treats: Where shared by Deb O'Reilly.

Meeting Adjourned: 1:30 p.m. for a delicious lunch and enjoy guest speaker: Mary Ellen O'Brien- Painting on Silk

**~ Minutes respectfully submitted
by Judy L. Perez, member**