

National League of American Pen Women

Tampa Branch Minutes

Date: Nov. 21, 2017

Meeting called to order by President **Barbara Routen** 11:33 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Inspirational Moment: Virginia Holloway

Welcome guests: Lydia Paul, Anna Brubaker, Keren Vergon, Nancy Christie, Connie Ducas, Peggy Farrell – Guest Speaker

Minutes of past meetings can be read on our website: www.tampapenwomen.com. Move to Approved by Sandy Huff. Seconded by Cat Gardiner. Approved

Treasurer's Report given by **Gainor Roberts: \$2784.72**

Attendance: Members: 18 Guests: 6

Announcements / New Business

- 1) **Sandy Huff** is collecting art for the Oldsmar art show. Has forms to fill out for submissions.
- 2) **Meletha Everett** shared that The Clearwater and Tampa branches ran an art and writer contest over the last few years. It was to generate possible new members and it did just that. The art exhibit was held at Oldsmar City Hall.
- 3) **State Conference** next weekend. Barb Routen will be one of their guest speakers!
- 4) **Tampa Pen Women Board** is working on budget and standing rules.
- 5) **Virginia Holloway** has offered to, once again, host our annual Christmas party at her home on Tuesday, December 19th at 11am. Bring a dish to share. Bring a small gift if you would like to participate in the gift exchange. Carlene will be accepting food donations for Metropolitan Ministries.
- 6) **Deb O'Reilly** want to show her thanks for all the support she received during her recent recovery from a fall by supplying a smoked turkey for the Christmas dinner. Deb's husband Bryan will prepare it and an invitation for him to join us was agreed by common vote.
- 7) **Our January meeting guest speaker** will be our own Mary Ellen O'Brien. February guest speaker will be. Jenipher Lyn – artist, doodler, author.
- 8) **Meletha Everett** shared the sad news that former Tampa Pen Woman, Pat Tully passed away. She was a painter, potter and jewelry maker. Roxanne will send a card on behalf of the Tampa Pen Women
- 9) **Kat Heckenbach** won 2nd place in an art show held at the Florida State Fair for an acrylic painting she submitted. Congratulations!
- 10) **Sandy Huff** has had 1300 pieces of her work published.
- 11) **Mary Ellen O'Brien** has her art work currently exhibited at the Temple Terrace Library until the end of November.
- 12) **Gainor Roberts** will be doing an Egg Tempra class in Feb. Contact her for information.

50/50 Raffle winner: Meletha Everett

Sweet Treats:

Meeting adjourned at 12:11 p.m. for a delicious lunch and enjoy guest speaker: Peggy Farrell

~ Minutes respectfully submitted
by Judy L. Perez, member