

**National League of American Pen Women
Tampa Branch Minutes**

Date: Feb. 20, 2018

Meeting called to order by President **Bonnie Phillips** at 11:33 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Inspirational Moment: Judy Perez

Welcome new guests: Michelle Adler, Kathy Luethje, Anna Heckenbach, Jenipher Lyn

Minutes of past meetings can be read on our website: www.tampapenwomen.com. Kat & Judy J

Treasurer's Report given by **Gainor Roberts**: 2678.76

Attendance: Members:18 Guests: 5

Announcements / New Business

- 1) **Newsletter:** Cat Trabulsi shared thanks for contributions. Please submit future ones by end of prior month.
- 2) **Pad of paper on tables:** Bonnie Phillips is asking for your suggestions regarding meetings, field trip suggestions or any comments you'd like to share.
- 3) **Voting in National Election:** Meletha Everett: Ballots can be found inside recent PW magazine. Due March 15. Suggest you vote no on #3 & #5. Be sure to put your name & address on outside of envelope!
- 4) **Vinnie Ream Award Winner:** Sandy Huff earned 2nd place for her multimedia submission.
- 5) **Standing Rules:** Bonnie shared final tweaks made to our own branch standing Rules. Voting will be next month.
Oldsmar Art Show: Sandy Huff informed us that we have the opportunity to participate in their show again next year in April & May.
- 6) **Performing Arts Workshops:** Barb Routen has pamphlets available for performing artists interested in learning how to care for yourself if an injury occurs because of practicing and/or performing your art.
- 7) **Cathy Rayburn:** Is working on book of ancestors within her family.
- 8) **Cat Trabulsi:** Is working on project involving genuine WWII love letters. These stories will be on her blog and in a Podcast
- 9) **Joan Brannick:** Expressed thanks to our PW for helping inspire her to write in a different genre than she previously wrote in.
- 10) **New Officers for 2019 Tampa Branch:** Our President, Bonnie Phillips asked you to think about running for an office or nominating someone you think is qualified to run for an office. She appointed Sandy Huff and Debra O'Reilly to the Nominating Committee

50/50 Raffle winner: Connie Dusckcas

Motion to Adjourn: Cathy Rayburn

Deb O'Reilly 2nd

Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 12:42 p.m. for a delicious lunch and enjoy guest speaker: Jenipher Lyn who will help us love ourselves, our work, and our world. Jenipher Lyn "an illustrator who specializes in whimsical, punny illustrations." She wrote & illustrated "an encouraging book for girls and women and strives to save the world, one doodle at a time." Learn more at www.JenipherLyn.com or on Instagram @JenipherLyn.

~ Minutes respectfully submitted
by Judy L. Perez, member