

## National League of American Pen Women

### Tampa Branch Minutes

Date: 4/18/17

Meeting called to order by President **Bonnie Phillips** at 11:34 a.m.

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

**Inspirational Moment:** Bette Lafferty-Impact of a good friend

**Welcome guests:** Guest Speaker-Rhonda J Nelson, Connie Dusckas

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

[www.tampapenwomen.com](http://www.tampapenwomen.com).

**Treasurer's Report** given by **Gainor Roberts**: \$3707.09

**Attendance:** Members:18 Prospective Members: 1 Guest Speaker: 1

#### **Announcements / New Business**

1. **Nominations:** Nominations for 2017/2018 Officers presented by Bonnie Phillips for Chairman Judy Perez: Betty Lafferty, Treasurer & Kat Heckenbach Second Vice President/Membership. Motion to accept by Barbara Routen, seconded by Carlene Earl, Motion Carried.
2. **Field Trip:** Sandy Huff reported on trip to Polk Museum.
3. **Welcome back** Roxanne Tobaison.
4. **Individual Achievement Award:** Florida NLAPW Achievement Award. Barbara Routen is interested in submitting her name. More information to be sent.
5. **Fund Raiser Suggestion:** Roxanne Tobaison made a motion to have members who wish to bring items to sell at the next meeting. Sellers will donate a portion to the Branch. Seconded by Susan Weilbacher. Motion Carried.
6. **Juried Art Show:** Sandy Huff suggested Pen Women have a juried art show for non-penwomen artists and/or poets as a means to increase membership. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Susan Weilbacher. Motion passed.
7. **The Free PNC Bank Concert Artist Series** at Sykes Chapel at the University of Tampa takes place from Oct. 22, 2017-April 8, 2018. Concerts are at 2 p.m. Sundays. Did I mention that they're free? Visit <http://www.ut.edu/sykeschapel/> for details.
8. **Share the books you're reading on social media!** Post a photo of the book or its title at [facebook.com/TampaHillsLib](https://www.facebook.com/TampaHillsLib) and at [twitter.com/TampaHillsLib](https://twitter.com/TampaHillsLib) with the hashtag #ReadersUnite. This is a great and easy way to help market the books other PW have written! No review necessary.

**50/50 Raffle winner:** Carlene won \$10.50

**Give a Hoot:** Bonnie Phillips

**Show & Tell:** Kat Heckenbach brought some of her books, art work and bookmarks for sale. Barb Routen brought in copies of the new "Chicken Soup for the Soul" in which one of the ghost stories she wrote was included. Susan Weilbacher showed us a painting of her daughter and "almost adopted" granddaughter playing with hand strings. Awards: Ridge Art Gallery in Winter Haven has a Miniature Art Show every other spring. Meletha Everett won Honorable Mention. Gunni Price and Peggy Little each won Judges Award.

Meeting adjourned at 12:41 p.m. for a delicious lunch and enjoy guest speaker: Rhonda J. Nelson, of Tampa

Minutes respectfully submitted by Judy L. Perez, member`