



Minutes of the Meeting

Monday, September 16, 2019

6:30 p.m.

Room B-19, Municipal Building

245 deKoven Drive

Poet Laureate Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

Present- Cassandra Day, Lee Godburn, Crystal Laffan, Cheryl Hale and Kisha Michael, Staff

Call to Order -The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm

Public Session –No public present.

Current projects- Cheryl Hale, Poet Laureate for the city of Middletown, reported on work she has been doing across the state and within Middletown. A copy of these projects will be attached to these meetings. Cheryl was commended on all her work and was encouraged to share what she has been doing with the MCA at the monthly meetings.

Future projects- All present discussed possible future projects and ideas.

Ideas include:

- ❖ Working with the high school English department to involve students in poetry.
- ❖ Meeting with MPS superintendent to see how poetry can fit into curriculum.
- ❖ Explore the mix of rap and poetry.
- ❖ Include Poet Laureate poetry in the city hall showcase.
- ❖ Host a poetry event and include CT State Poet Laureate.
- ❖ Create a contest for poets.
- ❖ Have a monthly poetry café at local coffee shops.
- ❖ Involve Poet Laureate in Holiday on Main events (Kisha will bring up this idea at the next Holiday on Main committee meeting).
- ❖ Host events at Russell Library for local and state talent.

This is merely a list of possible projects/ideas and not a list of what the Poet Laureate is expected to accomplish.

Adjournment- 7:09

Respectfully submitted,

Franca Biales