



July 18, 2024, NEST Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. ET

In Attendance:

Jim Brule, Vice President

Cris Riedel, Treasurer

Jezrie Marcano-Courtney, Secretary

Katie Knutson, NEST Executive Director

Denise Page, Director, Social Justice Committee Chair

Joy Smith, Sharing The Fire Committee Co-Chair

Jim Hawkins, Greater NEST Membership

BOARD MINUTES

Motion: That the Board of Directors approve the minutes of the June 2024 Board Meeting.

Motion approved.

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Discussion: The committee is working to create opportunities to fundraise through sponsorship support and grants that align with NEST's mission.

Action: The Development committee will meet on July 29th at 2 p.m. to discuss finding and cultivating donors, and sponsorships from the Northeast, as well as grant opportunities.

WVSG

Committee update discussion by Jim Brule and Cris Riedel: 700 people have joined WVSG with more asking to join the guild. The guild has clarified its purpose to develop storytellers. There is also a change to sharing posts on the guild's Meta (Facebook) page to one per week.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Discussion: Preparation for the Speak Peace concerts in September is moving ahead. Linda Schuyler Ford is looking for tellers with stories 7-12 minutes in length for the virtual concert on September 17th. There is a \$25 honorarium. The Glens Falls Speak Peace concert at The Wood

Theatre is now managed in partnership by Katie Knutson, Jim Brule, Denise Page, and Jezrie Marcano-Courtney.

Action: Katie will create a punch list of items for completion by the group.

And, a new member virtual showcase is scheduled for November, an opportunity to get introduced to new tellers with NEST and their work.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

ED Report discussion by Katie Knutson: Discussion on Speak Peace concert at The Wood Theatre in Glens Falls, NY (please see Outreach Committee discussion above.) A NEST ad was featured in the National Storytelling Network Conference program book. NEST membership, and Sharing The Fire stickers were also created and successfully distributed at the conference. The Board was also asked to discuss, and offer a unanimous decision on whether the new NEST website header was ready to be published on the website, or needs further editing.

The Board unanimously agreed the new website header was ready to be published on the NEST website.

FINANCE REPORT

Committee update discussion by Katie Knutson: Meeting with Merritt Bookkeeping for finance reports. The NEST 2024-25 budget will be shared with the Finance Committee ahead of their meeting, and then with the greater membership by July 31st.

SHARING THE FIRE

No report submitted.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING

Next scheduled Board of Directors meeting: Thursday, August 15, 2024 @ 6:30 p.m. ET

MEETING ADJOURN

Jim Brule adjourned the meeting at 6:57 p.m. ET