

Friends of Lorine Niedecker  
Board Meeting Minutes  
April 15, 2021

This meeting was conducted through email. Minutes are notes from the email exchange.

From President Ann Engelman:

I would like to call this email to order.

Important updates and there is need for a motion and a second.

\* Sad news, Paul Smyth has resigned from the board to move on to other pursuits. He will continue to be an ambassador for Lorine and has offered to help when we need it. Sincere thanks to Paul for his dedication. His assistance with the Portuguese translations and presentation we did at the Festival was just one of his contributions.

\* Co-Executive Director, Laura Solomon has accepted our invitation to join the FOLN Board. She will be bring a wealth of non-profit experience, new connections to the poetry community and introductions to potential funding sources. We will be connecting in early May to provide FOLN background.

\* You will be receiving a post card. We wanted to send out a little beauty and reminder to our mailing list to share Lorine's poems as opportunities arise.

\* Final Poetry Wall in Fort Atkinson

In 2017 there was a \$2,500 donation that was to be used to support FOLN, preferably for Public Art. I parked that money in the Mary Gates fund hoping those funds would be used for a Lorine element in a park on the north lawn of the library. That is not going to happen any time soon.

There is an opportunity to do a smaller poetry wall downtown three blocks up from the poetry corner. Picture below. I have a match for our \$2,500.

The building owners are "honored." I spoke to artist Jeremy Pinc about the space and content. He has time for one more mural before he hits the big time art world.

It might, MIGHT, be done for Lorine's birthday on May 12. The poem will be:

**Mergansers**

**fans**

**on their heads**

**Thoughts on things**

**fold unfold**

**above the river beds**

This was the runner up poem for both walls. It will be more in feel like the first wall. I think the metaphor is appropriate for our time, we need to be thinking and re-thinking.

**Request: Could someone make a motion and second to use \$2,500 for the poetry wall downtown?**

Motion passed.