**Kirtland Bird Club**

**11/1/23– Meeting Minutes**

1. **Meeting started at 7:00** PM by Elizabeth Plumlee-Watson of Loganberry Books. There were 26 people in attendance.
2. – **Welcome**. Ms. Plumlee-Watson Robinson, author of the the award winning poetry collecon, Without a Field Guide (Unbound

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1. **Welcome & Speaker Introduction**

Ms. Plumlee-Watson went over housekeeping items and introduced the speaker: Nicole Robinson, author of the award-winning poetry collection: “Without a Field Guide “(Unbound Edition Press, 2023).

1. **Announcements, led by Patricia Kellner, president**:
2. Field trip 11/11/23 (was not posted on website at the time of the meeting). This will be at the Lake Erie lakefront, starting at Edgewater Park, and will be led by Paula Lozano
3. Newsletter: the deadline for the December letter is the end of November. All contributions are welcome. We are hoping to have an article from a young person who went on our October Sandy Ridge field trip.
4. Christmas Bird Count will be organized by Laura Gooch. It will take place on 12/16/23 at several locations. Leaders of each group will contact previous participants. New people interested in participating should contact Laura through info@kirtlandbirdclub.org.
5. Mary Anne Romito announced that the two books published by KBC were available for free. They are “Birds of the Cleveland Region” and “The Field Guide to Birds of the Cleveland Region.”
6. The next meeting will be 12/6/23 at The Fairmount, a restaurant at the top of Cedar Hill. There will be a speaker and hearty appetizers. There will be a charge. Details to follow. The speaker will be Chuck Slusarczyk, and he will talkabout gulls.
7. **Program**
8. **Speaker:** Nicole Robinson read excerpts from her recent book of poetry, “Without A Field Guide”. She shared how poetry is most often used in relation to happy celebrations like weddings or in relation to grief and trauma. Her words and poetry reading were well-received. She is a former high school English teacher in Glenville. Nicole currently serves as the Narrative Medicine Coordinator at Akron Children’s Hospital. Her poems have appeared in Columbia Journal, The Fourth River, Great River Review, The Louisville Review, Tahoma Literary Review, and elsewhere. She is the recipient of an Individual Excellence Award for poetry from the Ohio Arts Council and the Humanities Award from the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine.
9. **Audience members:** Other poems were read or recited by: Anna Kozlenko, Cheryl Dinkelbach, Bonnie ( last name not available), Patricia Kellner, Paula Lozano, and Veronica Thornton.
10. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM

Meeting notes submitted by Toby Vender, then reviewed and approved by the Board, and posted to the KBC website.