**Dear Madison Arts Commission** 

Department of Planning & Development

Hi, I'm Art Paul Schlosser a writer, artist, and musician in our community and I would like to nominate myself as Poet Laureate.

I have written thousands of songs and a lot of them are written from poems I've written and though I play guitar a lot of my songs are considered spoken word and often on my CDs I record myself reciting poetry and some of these like My New Year's Resolution & Spring are at Apple iTunes

Besides this I also publish my poems at lightverse.com which you can read at: http://www.lightverse.com/LightVerseDocLibrary/frmViewSelectionList.asp

And regularly I have been publishing my poems in Madison Street Pulse Newspaper and have a page at MadPoetry.org at <a href="http://www.madpoetry.org/madpoets/schlosse.htm">http://www.madpoetry.org/madpoets/schlosse.htm</a>

Here are some recent poems I've written:

# Living in an Upper Apartment

Dark scary stormy night

The wind howls at the building

The trees shake in fear

Some loosing their arms

Buckets of rain tell us pain

Flooding the ground while thunder yells

Lightning flashes and there are no stars or moon

It is scary to have an upper apartment

## If You Held My Hand

If you held my hand

I wouldn't say: "no'

I wouldn't say: "go"

It would feel like the first snow

#### Or a child's smile

### A sunrise happy glow

#### A warm spring rain so meek and mild

## Money (A Cinquian)

money monetary art sparklely shiny flat Pictures of the famous Value

#### Winter Haiku

Cold silent outside
But daylight coming soon brings
Glad kids to see snow

# A Prayer of Hope for the Future of Our World

I hope for you, me and everyone a better life
I hope for you, me and everyone a lot less strife
Orange juice and sunshine
Peace of mind
Peace of mind

I hope for all Misters laughter and joy
I hope for all Misters a family with both girls and boys
Plenty of room in a big house
A loving spouse
A loving spouse

I hope for you, me and everyone the dream you really dreamed I hope for you, me and everyone a life that is really keen That you have the job you want Don't say can't Don't say can't

I hope for every Lady a husband good I hope for every Lady Robin Hood To save them in their need Life stress free Life stress free

But if this should not be Then may you have what you really need Love, Peace, Serenity

And that you always have plenty

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and I can show you evidence of this by bringing you some of my mail.

It also is mention on my madpoetry.org webpage.

My Pastor Bryan Peterson who you can call at 608-244-7222 can tell you I've been going to his church regularly or you could contact my Ben Schapiro at <a href="mailto:benschapiro@gmail.com">benschapiro@gmail.com</a> or Connor Randy Wild at <a href="mailto:crwild@wisc.edu">crwild@wisc.edu</a> and they will tell you how I regular show up for the Madison Street Pulse Sunday night meetings.

Or you can contact my X wife Robin Good and ask her about my commitment to my son by calling 608-221-0809

Robin will also confirm that I live in Madison at the above address.

If considered I promise to regularly be available for all sorts of functions and always be ready with a poem or to help others learn to write and I'd not only be able to serve the 4 years but as long as you have me.

So I hope you will consider me.

Yours in Poetry Art Paul Schlosser