

WESTPORT ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, December 1, 2016

Town Hall, room 309

Attending: Nancy Diamond, Richard Epstein John Dodig, Deirdre Price Kathie Bennewitz, Eric Chang, Kelle Ruden, Carole Schweid, Frederic Chiu, John Dodig, Elizabeth Strick

Absent: Lee Goldstein, Wendy Morgan Hunter, Sandy Lefkowitz

Nancy introduced and welcomed John Dodig to our committee. John was a Staples High School principal for eleven years, and was very supportive of the use of the Art Collection in the classrooms.

1. Social Media/website update

Kelly reported on the closed WAAC committee face book page, and the changes to the WAAC website. Further improvements and links to the website were suggested, including a possible change to the menu label "Let's Connect" Suggestions, Arts Links or Arts Resource.

Westport Schools to be added to list of Arts Organization and possible sentence describing each organization. Discussion to be continued.

2.. Lets Connect.

Held at the Library on October 6th and facilitated by Ryan Ordinak.

Attended, Arts and Cultural organizations in town. Moving forward, WAAC will hold subcommittees to address ways to connect organizations through Social Media.

Expressed at meeting the need for space opportunities, collaborations, storage, office equipment, shared information and a data base linked to a closed website.

3. WESTpac report

Kathie reported on the gifts to the Art Collection from Ann Chernow, Ann Sheffer, Leonard Everett Fisher, Richard Stein, Laura Mills and Mark Greenstein. These will be brought to the Board of Ed on Monday 19, 2016 for approval,

WESTpac is working on policies to manage the Collection. When complete it will be shared with the Board of Ed and the Town.

Nominations for membership to WESTpac {sub-committee of WAAC} are: Christie Stanger, Randa Trivisonno, Judy Auber Jahnel, Ive Covaci, Michelle Mechanic, Elise A. Meyer, Marion Morra, Valerie Smith Malin, Liz Linvaldi, Maija Krasts, and Inna Agujen.

As 17 School reps are needed to monitor Collection, Department chairs and Principals will be approached for suggestions. Interns from High School also needed, possible Community service credit could be applied.

4. TEA Talk, brainstorming

Date for event, October 22, 2017

Possible topics are,

- Art in Social Media.... is it Art?
- Marketing through Social Media
- Artificial Intelligence program.... is it Art?
- Social Media as a platform.... websites, snapchat.
- Activist – Art – Protest

Discussion to continue.

The Next Meeting of the Arts Advisory Committee is; January 10, 2017

Town Hall, room 309 at 12 noon.

Meeting adjourned at 1:10pm

Elizabeth Strick

Secretary