

WESTPORT ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday January 10, 2017

Town Hall, room 309

Attending: Nancy Diamond, Richard Epstein, Kathie Bennewitz, Miggs Burroughs, John Dodig, Lee Goldstein, Sandy Lefkowitz, Wendy Morgan-Hunter, Kelle Ruden, Elizabeth Strick.

Absent: Eric Chiang, Frederic Chiu, Deirdre Price, and Carole Schweid.

AGENDA:

1. Website update

Kelle received the following suggestions from the committee. Remove black background on the home page. Museum and history need to be streamlined. Menu labels at top of Home page should start with "About" and end with "Contact". WAAC is a Town Committee, this should be included in the "About" menu label. List of non-profits and business listing should be two separate lists.

Kelle with Nancy will work on changes and report at Februarys meeting.

2. Continued TEA Talk brainstorming

It was felt that TEA Talk worked best when you had guests who engaged with the audience through their personnel experiences.

A number of ideas for the next Tea Talk were put forward. They are;

- What will Art be in the future?
- Collaboration in Art in the Electronic media
- Collaboration between film and theater
- A Publicist connection to Art
- Portrait of an Artist as a young Westporter
- Art of the Future - the Future of Art
- Art on the Cutting Edge

Committee to research possible participants for the next TEA Talk and bring ideas to next meeting.

3. WESTPac update

Kathie reported that 50 works of art were donated to the collections. The BOE reviewed and accepted all 50. All work was valued by the donor, and a history of the artist, size, medium, and photo of the work was compiled by WESPac and will go into the database.

Mark Greenstein, has donated a beautiful portfolio of Lithographs from the 1960s. The committee suggested that rather than frame the work it be kept as a folio. Teachers would have access to share with their students in the classroom.

A letter is to be sent to all principals, requesting the parent community to volunteer to help with the Art collection.

Kathie will report on website launch of WESPac artist list at the February meeting

4. Proposed gift to Town

Sarah Kennedy has offered a gift of jewelry to the Town, which includes a locked display case. After discussion, Kathie made a motion not to except the gift. Sandy seconded, all were in agreement.

Norwalk Transit has returned a number of signed posters featuring Westport. One will go in the Town Collection the rest to the Historical Society.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE WESTPORT ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
WILL BE, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14th AT 12 NOON, ROOM 309

Meeting Adjourned at 1:10pm

Elizabeth Strick
Secretary