

WESTPORT ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, August 8, 2017

Town Hall room 102

Attending: Nancy Diamond, Richard Epstein, Kathie Bennewitz, Miggs Burroughs, Frederic Chiu, John Dodig, Carole Schweid

Absent: Eric Chiang, Sandy Lefkowitz, Wendy Morgan Hunter, Lee Goldstein, Deirdre Price, Kelle Ruden, Elizabeth Strick

Guest: Patricia Kerry – Fine Arts Advisor and Appraiser.

THE NEXT MEETING IS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2017, TOWN HALL ROOM 302

AGENDA:

1. WestPAC update:

Kathie brought us up to date as to accession to the collection, which falls into 4 categories: School, Town, De-accession, and Friends.

Lists of 10 criteria are being created for each. They are looking for commonality, one-off ideas, and specifics to guide the different areas of the collection.

The Fire House by Stephen Dohanos – original lithograph issued in 1950 - was accepted into the collection, and be hung at the Central Fire Station. {Motion by Richard, 2nd Frederick}

Kathie and Pat showed us the valuation listing for the Dohanos work in the Collection. Short discussion of the value of the collection, which has increased astronomically.

Kathie now has a significant list of School Reps. Motion passed to accept the group as a WestPAC Sub Committee {Motion by Richard, 2nd John}. Kathie will be the interim Chair.

2. TEA Talk:

Nile Rogers has not said Yes or No. He is on tour thru Sat. Oct 28.

Mark Yurkiw

Miggs is in the process of working with Mark, going through his work, winnowing down and selecting works to discuss at the TEA Talk. Mark is well known for the Statue of Liberty Coat Drive, but would also like other of his works to be discussed.

Richard asked if he had a model that could be put in the lobby. Miggs said there absolutely was.

Harris Durrani, the Pulitzer prize winning author. (Technologies of the Self)
For the TEATalk, he will be 'in conversation' with Kelle Ruden. John Dodig will be her back up.

Michael Barker, Managing Director from the Playhouse.
Nancy talked about Michael's value, with regard to our TEATalks, mentioning that he was in the inaugural group studying EDI – Equity, Diversity, Inclusion – and could be an interesting voice for the future, of theater and the arts. Carole will be 'in conversation' with him for the TEATalk.

Discussion of a short play – one that embodies the idea of social commentary/social change. A Play Date by Megan Smith-Harris was mentioned. This is an 8 minute play where a mother is on the phone making a play date, and she's trying politely to make sure there are no guns in the house.

Music – Richard is going to make a play list of music. List will possibly include: "Say you want a Revolution".

The people who are doing the interviewing need to get Bios for the speakers.

PR – Miggs will make a patch for the lawn signs. (changing to the correct date). The Banner will go up at the Historical Society. There will be a reception at the Historical Society. Will probably include making a \$200 donation.

3. Otocast

Will start with 5 Sites as a test run.
Patagonia – murals
Town Hall – Art Work including WPA works
Dough Boy Statue
Tunnel – Tunnel Vision
Toquet Hall – an old Opera House.

Looking good. Nancy asked that all the writing and photos be finalized by September.
Group will meet next week.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00pm

Carole Schweid

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