

Westport Public Art Collection Committee Meeting

May 21, 2018

Attendees: Inna Agujen, Kathie Bennewitz, Randa Trivisono, Ive Covaci, Scott Springer, Eve Potts, Marion Morra, Imke Lohs, Barbara Wang. Guest: Sofiya Romashchenko, intern from U. of Toronto

Minutes submitted by Barbara Wang

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1. Event Updates:

a. Drew Friedman Gala Event: great event, they are very interested in working with us in their programming (Nick Visconti, Miggs, Eric/arts advisory)

b. Friends of Westport Benefit "Expressions Fundraising Event" June 7: need volunteers; Kathie is helping out with the auction they are running; looking to do display of works from the collection; we'd like to showcase some of our conservation projects (Fogel, Dohanes)

2. Calendar update: Worried about getting entries. Art teachers will be reminded; library has put it in their email blast of events... library has said that they will do programming around this next year which will be wonderful!

3. Intern intro: Sofiya Romashchenko from University of Toronto.

a. Has created and showcased for us a wonderful brochure for the "Expressions Fundraising Event". Hope to tailor it and can do mass printing, using it at different events like Museum Nights to raise our profile.

B. we will try to help her formalize the internship - trying to see if she can get college credit for helping us.

4. Additional help -

a. interns: I've reconfirmed that Fairfield U Chair of Arts is interested coordinating internship for next spring/summer.

b. Recruiting more Site Reps: encountering friction with PTA Council... trying to smooth that over so that they can use their Weekly Blasts to advertise for volunteer positions for us. Inna/Kathie will sort with the PTA Council Chair.

5. Tiffany Database Update:

a. continued cataloging unframed works of art; transferring to archival boxes w/ accession numbers; measuring and photographing and updating records.

b.has continued linking artist bios, cross referencing and making connections in the bio files.

c.we are nearly out of allocated funds for Tiffany. Have asked her to project upcoming projects of hours estimated/budget required. Will use this for 2018-2019 budget discussions.

6.Fairfield Museum field trip: all welcome to join at Fairfield Museum on Friday May 25 10-12pm for demonstration of their collection management system, which we may want to adopt.

7.Next Planned SHS Closet visit: Tuesday May 22nd at 2pm, all welcome.

8.Budget Discussion for 2018-2019:

a.budget needs to be presented in June, so important to put together a wish list - June 1st blast email for wish list requests.

b.Reallocating some money from Friends: framing, labels (important to continue for next year), appraiser invoices (keeping money on hand for her?), supplies (rail system, etc).

9.Location Site Updates: IMPORTANT: all school site reps should contact their principals to ask about summer painting and construction projects that may impact hanging works.

a.CMS: Missing piece located, from library to Nurse's office

b.KHS: Museum Night -collection works were used and displayed. Can we post pics? (need shots without kids, as permission required).

c.CES: Scott has student video showcasing works - he will edit and send to Inna. will see about getting permission from school to post it on our website.

d.GFS: working with art teachers.

e.SHs: need new volunteer

f.LLS: found missing works, some labeling done and installations for Museum Night

g.BMS:Museum Night - Arts Collective highlighted some WestPAC pieces around the school which was fun; working on getting new volunteer for fall. PDF can be sent to Dr. Rosen to add to the monitor screen rotation around school.

h.SES:plans for next fall to change out some of the collection... although hard to do since it is such a great group of artwork on the walls. Museum Night was success.

i.Rec Dept & Senior Center: looking to refresh some of the art hanging.

10.Next Meeting: Monday June 11, 2018. Last formal meeting till resume in September.

