

Westport Arts Advisory Committee (WAAC)
Regular Meeting
September 18, 2018 11am
MINUTES

Attending: Nancy Diamond (co-chair); Richard Epstein (co-chair); John Dodig; Eric Chiang; Frederic Chiu; Sandy Lefkowitz; Carole Schweid; Kathie Bennewitz; Miggs Burroughs

Absent: Wendy Morgan Hunter; Deirdre Price; Lee Goldstein; Elizabeth Strick

Guests: Tom Schiavone, Judith Bacal

I. Other Business:

Kathie Bennewitz recommended that WAAC accept a donation of botanical art from Dick Rauh (Wilton) valued at \$4000 to ultimately be hung in the schools. Seconded by John Dodig; unanimously accepted by WAAC.

Kathie Bennewitz recommended that WAAC nominate Randa Trivisonno to be co-chair of WestPAC. Carole Schweid seconded; unanimously accepted by WAAC.

Kathie Bennewitz recommended that WAAC nominate Anna Luis-Ruttman to be the chair of the Long Lots WestPAC Committee. Miggs Burroughs seconded; unanimously accepted by WAAC.

First Selectman will now be approached to approve the above.

II. TEA Talk:

Discussion of the October 21 TEA Talk, *The Arts Go Viral!* ensued.

The panel was finalized. Moderated by David Pogue, it will include Frederic Chiu and his work with Disklavier; Jerry Goehring, producer of *Be More Chill*; and a representative of WestPAC who will present the Collections through Otocast.

Frederic felt it was important to stress at event that technology can be used to create community, not cause isolation. His work with the Disklavier and Beechwood has been used to stream to salons around the world.

Frederic suggested two options for his Disklavier demonstration, to be decided in a working meeting with David Pogue. Piano will be delivered Saturday for pre-tech. There will be some cost to WAAC for moving expenses, tbd.

A working meeting of the panel needs to be set for early October. Frederic will start process by sending his available dates. Nancy will set up.

Format: 10 min intro; 10 min David keynote; 1 hour discussion; 10 min Q & A

Tech needs:

- Sandy will work with Mike Phyllis
- Kathie will talk to David Green re: Tweeting Live
- Judith offered to stream on Facebook Live.

Lawn signs: Miggs will print 15 more and labels for 15. Assignments were made for distributing the signs.

Gift for panel: After discussion, it was decided to use a screen shot from Otocast to create a mug.

Publicity: Nancy will write press release, approach Dan Woog and other press, getting the press list from Kelle. She will also ask Kelle if she can set up EventBrite. Eric will do calendar postings. Richard will look at Westportnow ad and contact Jennifer Bangser re: Library community partner. Tom Schiavone offered to promote TEA Talk in the schools.

III. Otocast

Three guides will be completed before TEA Talk. More time is needed for Nature Lovers and WestPAC. Kathie will take charge of producing a power point and script for the WestPAC rep to have the information needed. She will work with Judith and the two co-chairs of WestPAC to do so.

The next WAAC meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 9 at 12 noon in room 212D.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 12:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Diamond
Co-chair, Westport Arts Advisory Committee