

Westport Public Art Collection Committee Meeting

October 12, 2018 9:00am

Attendees: Inna Agujen, Kathie Bennewitz, Randa Trivisono, Ive Covaci, Scott Springer, Marion Morra, Jennifer Fridland, Imke Lohs, Leonor Dao Turut, Barbara Wang.

Minutes submitted by Barbara Wang

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Reminder to Get Photographed and Pick Up Security Badges

1. New Member Update:

- a. Leonor from Collective has joined us today
- b. Miggs Borroughs is sending out recruitment to Westport Arts & Collective on our behalf
- c. Video on our website & youtube created by Inna: "What is WestPAC". Scott will send over CES video to Inna to integrate.

2. Calendar Sales update from Ive: Essentially SOLD OUT! We've had great feedback, more than 150 sold on Back To School nights. Showcasing the video was helpful as a sales tactic.

3. Site updates: URGENT: need to find storage space as Staples Closet is overflowing, particularly with the addition of all the rescued CMS (undamaged) works.

- a. Coleytown Middle School Mold update:
 - i. repair estimates for damaged works - insurance will pay for everything. Kathie is working to schedule this work going forward. Jennifer may help out at BMS since CMS is out of commission.
 - ii. CMS will need to be cleared of rest of undamaged works in November.
- b. Staples High School
 - i. Leonor and Valerie will work together
 - ii. Guidance Dept: priority to get their bare walls filled
 - iii. Student rep/intern - Maisie Prince. She will help with the Guidance situation; will help identify more display space around school that KIDS would be interested in; she will help with social media
 - iv. Storage situation: hoping to get an English Dept closet for add'l space
 - v. English Dept conference room: emptied for painting over summer... now needs works restored

vi. Social Study Honors Society has volunteers to help us

c. Senior Center

- i. New SC building to open in January. Start the process of selecting art in Mid Nov. Current inventory is in the attic, maybe accessible in December. A new additional display space is available - a permanent corner with signage.
- ii. Marion will inquire about hanging system.

d. Art Smart: presentation with video was done to encourage them to use us.

4.TEA Talk: art going viral. Randa will be giving powerpoint presentation including "what is WestPAC" video at 2pm Sunday Oct 21st. David Pogue will be hosting; Dan Woog will promote as well.

5.Status of Data Entry Project: Tiffany has finished all new accessions that were backlogged. Next step is to forward to School and Town for approvals. As she has more time - she is working on correcting prior accessions errors in the entries. We plan to get more money from Friends for more archival work. Bios look great.

6.Investigation of more sites for designated WestPAC art: looking at Staples, at Senior Center for a new nook, and at Westport Country Playhouse.

7.Handbook Update: Edits were great, so it will continue in the process to get school system to approve and release for our reps and administrators.

8.New accessions update:

a.Milkweed Painting: will go thru School Board as Permanent Gift proposal. Formal process Nov-Dec

b.The Kewpies by Rose O'Neill. Kathie identified this piece -- she was an illustrator who lived in Westport. VOTE TO APPROVE: yes! This will move forward for approval thru the Town Collection.

9.Master Planning Meeting update: A calendar was created for inventorying all locations. Parks & Rec is done; Senior Center is on hold (works in attic), Nov 5 is CES, Nov 16 & 26 is Town Hall. Inna will send out calendar to everyone by email with locations and dates. All hands on deck!

10. Next meeting we hope to have at the Arts Collective space at the Westport Country Playhouse. Barbara will alert Elaine at Town of this change of venue just for next month.

Next meeting: Friday November 9th.