

Westport Public Art Collection Committee Meeting

January 11, 2019 9:00am

Attendees: Inna Agujen, Kathie Bennewitz, Randa Trivisono, Ive Covaci, Scott Springer, Jennifer Fridland, Leonor Dao Turut, Anna Alemani, Ann-Luise Ruttman, Barbara Wang.

Minutes submitted by Barbara Wang

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1. Collection Inventory Status

A. Progress to date: Completed sites include KHS, Town Hall, CMS, CES, GFS, LL, Parks & rec. To be completed: BMS (1/28) SHS (2/8?), SES (3/4), Fire Station (3/18), final Senior Center.

B. Request for membership assistance: Signup Genius will be resent out.

C. Plan to speed completion: live inventory is working well. Caution to only add new photo if current photo is no good, or if need to note condition update.

2. CMS Closure: update on removal and storage of items.

A. Kathie has updated google spreadsheet. About $\frac{2}{3}$ of artwork has been removed. Need date to remove rest and find home for those pieces. This will be added to Signup Genius for 2/11.

B. Artwork is part of larger insurance claim so still no status on this.

3. Senior Center Ribbon Cutting: Event was 1/4/2019, and was a really special event!

A. Senior Center Art Corner: for consideration - cartoon pieces from Parks and Rec might be moved there.

B. Our next Monthly meeting we would like to hold at Senior Center so all members can have chance to view the new space and hanging works. Barbara will contact Sue Pfister to coordinate.

4. Framing status & Coleytown Repair Estimates

Friends have given us additional funds (\$3k). Some are pending, some are finished and moving to Senior Center and elsewhere.

5. SHS Guidance Dept project update: Leonor and Maisie Prince (student) have been working on this project. So far only 1-2 pieces have been accepted and Bill Plunkett, head of guidance, has informed them that he does not want ANY works from WestPAC

and instead would like student only works. There was potential for over 75 pieces - so a lot of empty wall space! Kathie recommends a meeting with Tom Schiavone to discuss options going forward.

6. Status of Data Entry Project/hiring situation:

Tiffany is on contract at the moment and her end move has changed: proposal to have Tiffany continue her project of cleaning up records until end of the year. Have potential candidate who can start on or around September (possibly earlier) - this new person can then focus on the new database system we will apply for in September 2020.

A. SHS Internship in May: Scott has access... this is about 100 hours; Kathie/Inna will get a job description to Scott.

7. Social Media Update: Maisie Prince (SHS student) has continued to be a big help on this front. Instagram and FB are updated. Although we continue to solicit help with posts.

A. There will be a Town Ordinance on social media management - there will be an orientation session on this.

8. Recruitment Update: Looking forward to a coffee open house in February which we will advertise thru all available channels

9. Site Representative Reports:

A. BMS: Jen Fridland will talk to librarians - they have a large wall they have requested work for... possible could take large work from CMS.

B. GFS: Anna is new, has great opportunity to make an impact. KHS may have WPA pieces to "return" to GFS.

10. Additional items for review:

A. SRI storage opportunity thru Friends, which Westport Arts Center may facilitate. This will be explored further.

B. Saugutuck School on Bridge Street is owned by the Town: This may be a place to put artwork, especially with our storage situation at beyond capacity. Inna says they have quite a bit of open wall space. Kathie and Inna will explore further.

Next meeting: Friday February 8, 2019 9am: AT SENIOR CENTER.