

**WESTPORT ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE [WAAC]
Regular Meeting
June 11, 2019, at 12 noon**

Attending: Nancy Diamond, Richard Epstein, Kathie Bennewitz, John Dodig, Miggs Burroughs, Tom Scavone, Lee Goldstein, Kelle Ruden, Carole Schweid Sandy Lefkowitz, Elizabeth Strick. Judith Bacal.

Absent: Frederic Chiu, Eric Chiang, Wendy Morgan Hunter, Deirdre Price.

1, WestPAC “agent” renewal:

Kathie, along with Town Attorney Eileen Flug, worked on a draft for the re-certification of the WestPAC Committee, its responsibilities and governance of the Town Art collection and requesting a renewal of ten years. Kathie will present the draft at the June 27th Selectman’s meeting,

The following motion was made by Kathie;

I move to recommend that 1] the Westport Public Art Collection committee be renewed as the steward of the BOE and Town art collection for the period beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2029 and 2] recommend the BOE review and consider a policy for the town and WPA art collections and the collection management guidelines for the WestPAC collection.

Sandy Lefkowitz so moved to adopt the proposal, 2nd John Dodig, all were in favor.

2. Poet Laureate update:

Kellie reported that two poets were being considered for the position. Jennifer Bangsar and Dr Antony Bono. The selected poet will be announced at the grand opening of the Library, and they will read one of their own poems, or a poem of their choice. The Poet Laureate position is for a term of two years.

3. Otocast Marketing update:

Judith reported that de-calls had been given to the Historical Society, Staples HS and the Playhouse. Bookmarks to go to the Senior Center. More to do and could use help distributing. Labeling is needed for outdoor sculpture as well as art work mentioned on app. Otocast information to be sent to the PTA news -letter, which is emailed to parents before the next school year.

The #5 tour still to be produced. It will feature the art collection in the Westport schools.

The next Otocast meeting is, Wednesday June 19th at 9am. Room 212D. All are welcome

4. TEA Talk:

Please read Sandy's attached report which she presented at the meeting.

TEA Talk Committee assignments:

Richard to confirm Angelica Durrell

Frederic to speak with Tiffany Jackson

Kathie will research presenter for Rose O'Neil piece and any video or slides to be shown.

Speak with League of Women Voters to see if they would like to have a voter's registration in the lobby before and after TEA Talk.

Wendy to confirm date and clips with the Chris Bolan

Carole will develop theater piece and find actors

Nancy to confirm Noah Steinman and speak with Jim Marpe to see if he is willing to perform with the actors at the opening.

Kellie will confirm with Poet Laureate to determine willingness and availability to create a poem for the event.

Library will be a TEA Talk community sponsor

Discussion on the event format to be discussed at next the meeting

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE IS, JULY 9, 2019 AT 12NOON, ROOM 212D

Meeting adjourned 1:25pm

Elizabeth Strick

Secretary

TEA TALK:

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The following was discussed at the meeting and there are specific actions that we would like to have addressed by next meeting if possible and actions that are important but probably less critical that are to be determined.

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SPECIFIC ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN:

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Nancy Diamond confirm with date Noah Steinman and thoughts on his story and his needs for technology i.e. slides, videos?

Sound out Jim Marpe to see if he might be willing to participate in a creative opening including his dressing as a Suffragette with the actors doing the opening.

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Richard Epstein, confirm with Angelica Durrell, date and her ability to provide a performance with students as part of her story and her willingness to serve as the "conversation curator", after the other three stories are told. Confirm date and her willingness to do a performance as she gives her story with Tiffany Jackson

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Wendy Hunter Morgan, confirm date and use of clips with Chris Bolan

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Carole Schweid, help to identify speeches or parts of speeches from the time of the Suffragettes for opening of the program

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Kathie Benowitz, identify how you might like to present the Rose O'Neill piece and what technology you might need, i.e. slides, video.

Ask the League to hold voters' registration in the lobby before and after the TEA TALK in the lobby

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Kelle Ruden: confirm the date and speak with the Poet Laureate to determine willingness to be available to create a poem at the event/ create a poem to present at the event so that we can determine how to work on the Break A Barrier Board.

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TO BE DETERMINED:

Collecting names for the Memorial Slide

Collecting words for a Barrier Label Slide

Gift to the Horizon Award

Special Presentation for Angelica Durrell for her participation

Gifts for all participants

Determine where and what we want to say about WAAC and invitation to join us for the reception in the lobby.