

## Westport Public Art Collections (WestPAC)

October 11, 2019

Town Hall, room 309

Minutes submitted by Barbara Wang

Attending: Randa Trivisonno, Kathie Bennewitz, Scott Springer, Elise Meyer, Jennifer Fridland, Ariel Dunne, Ive Covaci, Anna-Lissa Nixon, Imke Lohs, Paula Argosh, Barbara Wang

1. Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting September 13th.

2. Committee Update:

- Introduction of new member Ariel Dunne and she will be a site rep for Greens Farms Elementary
- We are preparing to get on the Oct 21st Board of Ed Agenda. Our presentation will include report on the past 3 years to renew our chapter as well as final review of our Collections Guideline. The next step will be to meet with the Board of Selectmen.

3. Collection Update: We have a serious backlog of Accessions over the past 3 years.

- Tiffany is working remote to continue to document already approved accessions and get them into our system for review.
- We need help cataloging/making assessments/background research. Kathie proposes a subcommittee to work on this and will circulate an email to get this moving. These pieces need to be prepped for approval by the committee so they can then go to Tiffany.
- URGENT APPROVAL: due to impending situation, sculpture from the Steffi Friedman estate will “jump the queue”. We approve it... and it will be moved to SHS Courtyard; additional pieces will be loaned to the library.

4. Education Update:

- Learning Galleries program funded by the Drew Friedman Foundation grant. Rotating galleries have been set up, starting with Long Lots & Saugatuck:
  - Long Lots: Still Life selections currently on display

- Saugatuck: Chinese paintings from our collection along with photographs from Larry Silver. This also supports the Westport Youth Concert's Global Initiative focus on China.
- SHS: Social Studies learning gallery; Art: Artists Inspiration short term 10/7-10/14 for Angela Simpson's Oil Painting class
- We will need more committee help for moving around the China prints:
  - Long Lots will get the China collection next, a special space has been designated for this.
  - GFS and CES have special spaces identified
  - KFS will be last in the rotation in January or March.
  - Scott has been instrumental in helping with scale drawings to help get hanging rail systems installed.
  - With Site Loans involved paperwork and insurance forms required.
- Social Studies 6-12th grade Teacher professional development workshop was held on 9/23 at Staples, conducted by Ive Covaci.
- Art Teachers: Ive will also run a professional development workshop on Oct 18 on Chinese painting.
- Library exhibit special project Let's Dance in the Jessup Gallery

5.Special Projects Update: need to review storage at Canal Street as well as situation with CMS insurance claims. Kathie will look into this.

6.Representative Site Reports: Committee is working to solidify roster of reps at each site who will submit a monthly update. Membership attendance to be addressed.

- Facilities for all schools should add our Westpac email so that we receive emergency situation updates.
- Site school reps should reach out to their Art teachers so they know who to contact for Collections help/access
- Recommendation to all Elementary School reps to reach out to Art Smart at each school. Randa to ask Art Smart Committee to appt a rep to our committee. Nov 7 is Art Smart Training at the Library - would be great if we can get onto this presentation. Randa will reach out to see if we can contribute a handout or slide.
- Long Lots Update: They had their Art Smart Meeting and Pop Art is a challenge theme.

7.Additional Business: Internships for next year - confirm 2 SHS kids would be great to have. Scott will look into this and make sure we get this again for next spring.

8.Next Meeting to be held Friday November 8, 2019 at 9am TH room 309