

**Westport Arts Advisory Committee**  
**Tuesday, June 8, 2021**  
**!2 noon, Town of Westport recorded Zoom Call**

**Present:** Nancy Diamond, Kathie Bennewitz, Eric Chiang, John Dodig, Richard Epstein, Diane Lowman, Charles Rosoff, Elizabeth Strick, Randa Trivisono, Kimberly Wilson.

Nancy called the meeting to order at 12:02 pm.

**Friends of WestPAC: Kathie and Randa**

Randa felt that the committee had accomplished their goals and were now focused on the Fall projects which include Staples HS storage closet, re-installing art work at Town Hall, and the Fire Station, and finalize the collection database. The two staples Interns worked hard and will present their final reports this week. All art accessions were approved by the Board of Education and Ive met with Steve Zimmerman and mapped out the September/February rotation of art work. Steve is planning to share the art database at the teacher's professional day.

Kathie reported the collection database is now stronger and gives a clearer view of the art work in the collection. Insurance is being updated.

The James Daugherty Foundation would like to give a number of works to the Town collection by Paul Camacho. Painted on poster board they need cleaning and framing.

Work by Kathleen Barr, Howard Heath and two unsigned, works, "Memories of Diar" and "Musicians" are also under review.

Steven Dohanos, "*Old Bedstead*" c 1950 tempera, a proposed gift from Adam Stolpen.

A working committee is to be formed to review these works subject to the criteria for deaccession and following the management guidelines and policies governing the Town collection. Those interested on working on that committee are Kathie Bennewitz, , Nancy Diamond, John Dodig, Charles Rosoff, Kimberley Wilson, Diane Lowman, Randa Trivisonno, and Elizabeth Strick,

**2. Pride Month:**

John reported that 3-500 people attended the event on Jessup Green. All ages and orientation were represented. Rainbow flags were on the bridge, an art show at Staples and the High school band played. It was heart-warming. The plan is to do it again next year. WAAC would like to be involved.

**3. Make Music Day, June 21<sup>st</sup>**

Promoted by the Cultural Alliance, is there any way WAAC can link with them. Send suggestions to Nancy.

#### **4. Otocast:**

How should we proceed, do we sign up for another year? After discussion it was decided that we would not sign up for another year and that we would hold onto are content. Richard will speak with the Otocast people. It had been hoped that we could promote Otocast at the DMA ART SHOW on Main Street. Due to bad weather this was not possible. Kimberly is the WAAC representative on the DMA and feels that we need to meet with them and explore how we can join forces.

#### **5. Poet Laureate:**

Diane will be in conversation with Andrew Stock tonight at the Library discussing Shakespeare. Next year Diane would like to bring poetry to the Pride celebration.

*Westportlocalpress* Diane thanked Kathie for the two cartoons from the Town collection to celebrate Fathers-Day which were posted on the June blog. July will highlight the Westport Community Band, thanks to Nancy and Richard. August focus is “Hot”

#### **6. Other business:**

The flood gate project, muralists needed. Artist should provide a written concept to the Museum of History and Culture for consideration.

The co-sponsored exhibition with MoCA opening December 20<sup>th</sup> will feature work on diversity from the collection and area artists. Kathie and Nancy are finalizing the plans for the exhibition.

Eric asked if there was to be a TEA Talk this year. Nancy said it would be on the agenda at the July meeting

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE IS TUESDAY JULY 13, 2021 AT12 NOON ON ZOOM**

Meeting adjourned at 1:00pm

Elizabeth Strick secretary Westport Arts Advisory Committee