

Westport Arts Advisory Committee – September 12, 2023, Minutes

Tuesday September 12, 2023. 12:00 – 1:30pm Westport Town Hall, Room 309

Present: Nancy Diamond, Shobana Mani, Miggs Burroughs, Richard Epstein, Lee Goldstein, Charles Rosoff, David Rosenwaks, Britt Steel, Elizabeth Strick, Dina Upton.

Unable to attend: Kathie Bennewitz, Eric Chiang, Jessica Noyes.

Co-chair Shobana Mani opened the meeting at 12:00pm

Social Media update – “Lets Connect Event.”

We are shooting for October 25 for the next Let’s Connect meeting. Nancy will talk to the Library to book a room. Ashley Hyde, the Library social media guru, will lead the presentation.. Nancy will send out a SAVE THE DATE to the Let’s Connect groups.

WAAC’s social media outlet currently is Instagram. Dina is the manager and will post anything the committee sends her. WAAC’s role is to support non-profits in the area. There were some agreements on posting other arts organizations on our IG.

TEA TALK: - “AI”

Shobana suggested beginning with a festival-type approach: an artist painting at an easel and an artist painting on a screen and churning out many different variants of the image in a matter of minutes. Miggs suggested rather than on-site show, present on a split screen. Ideas discussed: On stage, a panel of three talking about working with AI with a moderator. Panel might consist of a film maker, lawyer, and graphic designer. Alan Turing was suggested as moderator. Shobana will put together the structure of the event and send to committee for comment. Deadline for Library publicity is end of the month, so we need to make a fast decision on format and participants. Library tech crew need one month’s notice of event. Shobana will ask Steve Zimmerman, arts educator. Nancy to speak to Kevin Wilson, film director, for contacts familiar with AI. Britt will search for someone in the arts, also need someone to represent music and a writer. Please send ideas to Shobana.

Next meeting is Tuesday, October 10, 2023, 12 noon, Town Hall room 201.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:30pm

Respectfully submitted.

Elizabeth Strick, Secretary Westport Arts Advisory Committee