



Art Committee
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 14, 2010
7:00 p.m.

Present: Ms. Johanna Delaney, Trustee; Mr. Pete DeHaan, Trustee; Ms. Theresa Gimpel; Ms. Laura Milas; Ms. Denise Noell; Ms. Margaret Carsello Chiappetta; Ms. Molly Coleman, Community Relations Coordinator; Ms. Tiffany Auxier, Interim Director

Absent: Ms. Pamela White

I. Secretary/Meeting Records

Ms. Tiffany Auxier was asked to take the minutes while serving on the committee. Ms. Auxier created a folder on the library's computer network for the Art Committee. Subfolders include Minutes, Artist Info, Collection Development, PR, Exhibit Schedule. Folders can be added or changed as needed.

II. Winter Exhibit

Samantha Bittman has agreed to be our featured artist for the winter exhibit, to be held February 4 through March 31, 2011. Samantha, a graduate of Hinsdale Central, is a fiber artist and painter who received her MFA from the School of the Art Institute. Images from her exhibit, tentatively titled *Happiness by the Pool*, were reviewed by the committee. The Artist Reception is scheduled for 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. on Friday, February 4, pending the artist's availability and approval.

Ms. Laura Milas will contact Samantha regarding the exhibit's title, reception date, and her availability to drop off and work with staff on placement (sometime during the last week of January). Ms. Milas will also inquire if Samantha is interested in presenting a program at the Library. If she is interested, Ms. Auxier will work with her to develop and schedule the program. Library programming funds will be used to pay an agreed upon fee.

Ms. Molly Coleman reviewed the PR and marketing done with the ArTeach exhibit. The banner in the park will have the Library logo with a heading of "Original artwork by ..." and the exhibit dates. Committee members also suggested developing bookmarks, creating an event for the exhibit and reception on Facebook, which can be shared by the committee and the library with their list of friends. Ms. Coleman will be in touch with Samantha to gather information for our publicity materials.

Using the library's website to promote the current exhibit using one photo with artist's permission was also discussed. Mr. Jeff Lewandowski, the IT Coordinator, would need to be consulted about how to best add this to the website. There was discussion of adding submission guidelines and forms to the website but

Ms. Coleman was also asked to investigate lettering that can be applied to glass. This would be ordered for each exhibit (title and artist's name) and put on the glass windows of the exhibit space. Ms. Coleman shared her initial findings and committee members provided suggestions for other companies to look at.

III. Collection Development

Ms. Denise Noell suggested committee members visit Chicago Gallery News website www.chicagogallerynews.com/ for ideas of places to visit when purchasing art acquisitions.

The committee walked the first floor of the building to look at best locations for our first purchase. Ms. Johanna Delaney suggested that the Living Room area is the place that would have maximum effect. Ms. Auxier also remarked that some library items, such as sign holders, can be relocated to accommodate the art pieces.

IV. Hanging Systems

The committee discussed the Walker and AS hanging systems. Committee members who have had experience with these systems shared information. There are some differences in appearance, length and price. Ms. Delaney and Ms. Auxier will map out the exhibit space after the New Year to decide how many feet of the system we need. This information will be presented to the committee at the next meeting for a decision about which system to purchase.

Ms. Auxier will contact the directors at Downers Grove and Oak Park public libraries to inquire about their hanging systems for exhibits and permanent art.

V. Upcoming Exhibits

The summer exhibit is planned for June and July 2011. The artist is a bookmaker. Ms. Milas will be the committee contact for him and will discuss the possibility of programs with him.

Ms. Margaret Carsello Chiappetta presented images of art by female artists of the western suburbs. The exhibit is titled *Balancing Act*. It was suggested that bios on the artists be placed by their works and will highlight how they balance their personal and professional lives. It was agreed that this will be the fall exhibit, planned for October and November 2011.

VI. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 8 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tiffany Auxier