

Art Committee Minutes

Wednesday, November 16, 2011 7 p.m.

Storytime Room, Lower Level, Hinsdale Public Library

Present: Johanna Delaney, Chair; Pete DeHaan, Trustee; Margaret Carsello-Chiappetta; Laura Milas; Denise Noell; Pamela White; Karen Kleckner Keefe, Executive Director

Absent: Jan Letts, Trustee;

Guest: Stephanie Stewart, Hinsdale Middle School

Call to Order at 7:05 p.m.

Minutes of September 21 meeting approved.

Rotating Exhibits: Spring Exhibit

Trustee DeHaan introduced Hinsdale Middle School Computer Graphics teacher Stephanie Stewart and showed the committee examples of work that her students have done using Adobe Photoshop. Stewart said that she would have approximately 60 pieces of student artwork by late January.

Not all pieces will be appropriate for the Library's display space. A selection of pieces will be mounted on uniformly sized foam core or presentation board. Margaret Carsello-Chiappetta volunteered to help Trustee DeHaan with the mounting. Ms. Stewart is willing to print the images at the school. (Enlarging the images too much could cause distortion--most of the images are 200 DPI, and stock images are usually 300.) The artwork will be hung in the Quiet Room using the Walker system.

The proposed dates are March 15 – May 15, 2012. It was suggested that the students whose work is displayed be recognized with a formal letter from the Library/Art Committee. It was also suggested that the exhibit be given a title that is descriptive and inviting.

Rotating Exhibits: Winter Exhibit

Trustee Delany described Jim Kropp's photography exhibit "Capturing Beauty" which will be on display from January 7 to March 2. Kropp will present "Capturing Beauty with Your Camera: 10 Tips to Taking Better Photographs" at 6 p.m. on Friday, February 3. The program will take place in the Quiet Room. Copies of his book will be available for sale.

Summer Exhibit: Maureen Bardusk

Denise Noell has confirmed Bardusk's fiber art exhibit in the Quiet Room this summer. Noell will confirm an opening date sometime between mid-May and mid-June. The exhibit will stay up for approximately two months. Noell will also ask Bardusk if she is open to having a small

reception in her honor. Once dates have been established, Noell will confirm availability with Executive Director Keefe.

Collection Development: Budget

Trustee Delaney distributed a report of current funds, showing a balance of \$16,311.80. She explained that the Committee doesn't have much to spend now but should be thinking about their next steps. The Committee discussed saving up to commission a piece, as well as a smaller purchase in the near future to keep the collection's momentum growing.

The Committee discussed how eBook popularity will diminish returns from used book sales. Trustee Delaney reminded the Committee that they also get money from unrestricted gifts, thanks to the support of the Library Board.

Laura Milas shared an idea for raising money by commissioning a piece for a limited-run print sale.

Collection Development: Ideas

The Committee discussed a suggestion to have the next piece for the permanent collection be representational art. Laura Milas also recommended that the Committee be mindful of keeping a balance of genders in the collection.

There was much interest in having a commissioned piece by Barbara Cooper. Executive Director Keefe will investigate what the piece that Ms. Cooper did for the Avalon Branch of the Chicago Public Library cost.

Margaret Carsello-Chiappetta brought up a WTTW segment on the Elmhurst College Library collection. It raised the question, "Are we looking for an aesthetic?"

Trustee Delaney encouraged Committee members to continue going to galleries and looking for pieces for consideration.

Odds & Ends

An artist contacted the Library's PR Coordinator, Molly Coleman, and inquired about the application procedure for exhibiting in the Quiet Room. Molly will contact the artist and ask that she submit a resume, and digital samples of her professional work. If received, the Committee will review at its next meeting.

Trustee Delaney asked for volunteers to work a shift at the Library's Used Book Sale on December 2.

The next Art Committee meeting will be **Wednesday, February 8 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Storytime Room.

Pamela White suggested that the Committee consider the work of the late Chuck Woods for temporary exhibit. This will be discussed at the February meeting.

Trustee Delaney showed the Committee the print that Gordon Powell donated to the Library when he spoke at Dining at Dewey's. She suggested hanging it on the landing on the way up to the second floor.

Adjourned at 8:25.

Approved: February 8, 2012