

ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE 5/7/19 minutes

Present: Nancy B., Ann W., Judy M., Prescott B., Jay O., Kim B., Susan M.

Minutes approved: Kim, Susan

Public Comments: none; Correspondence: none

Old Business:

- a. CSA Schoolhouse Project update: Nancy advocated looking for support for visual arts once building is completed. There will be art space in hall and rooms for art activities when there aren't scheduled music lessons. There will be portable /storage material space and a sink. (Most teaching will remain at MCC because of existing afterschool art programs. Ann expressed concern about lack of gallery space which might impact exhibit possibilities for open studios in 2010. Lighting and hanging systems (in concert hall?) should be a consideration. Other art activities when concerts aren't scheduled? Nancy emphasized that a goal would be to create a "community of artists," and that there might be periodic shows and demonstrations. Jay will follow up on staff coverage when space is open.
- b. Juried art show at MCC: very successful and artists pleased with space and facilities. Ann suggested creating an artworks scrapbook or archive on website with a possible Facebook link. Jay noted that the town is undergoing a website upgrade so this might be a future project. Someone should be designated to take photos at art show. Date for next show, April 15? Publicity at beginning of January with submissions due mid February. Hanging tentatively after our meeting on 2/11. Show on view throughout March. Funding discussed briefly; we are allocated \$500 annually
- c. CT Collaborative Criteria: Kim reminded us that Mansfield is "up" for a sustainable town designation. When committee heads met it was suggested that arts advisory committee could contribute. What are some ideas that might enrich activities of other committees? Ann suggested posters that show what Mansfield is actually doing to promote sustainability.
- d. Current exhibits/pending artwork: Paul Tanner and Katherine Tolsdorf are current exhibitors. Arpita Kurdekar will show her work. She submitted photos of 10 artworks on April 6 which rec'd enthusiastic reviews from members. Judy recommended artwork that is now hanging at UCONN library for a future exhibit. Artists will need to complete an application for work to be shown.

New Business:

- a. Other possible art activities: Nancy suggested a "Children's Art Show." Students would be given certificates for participations. Submissions from Mansfield only? Possible dates? Nancy will talk with Karen (art teacher). Susan noted that Atheneum's children's show is on view during March. Idea of pop up gallery in unoccupied stores downtown is probably impractical at this time. Other activities might be artists open studio, poetry submissions, art and garden show
- b. Committee will explore a "fine arts and flowers" exhibit for next spring.
- c. Jay distributed copies of New Member Committee Handbook. Meeting adjourned. Next meeting June 4.

Respectfully submitted for David, Susan M.

