

Gresham Art Committee

Summary Minutes

April 7, 2016 - 4:45 p.m.

Gresham City Hall, HR Training Room (Location changed)

Members Present: Cathy Huntington, Dean Derek, Cassie Fisher, Cindy Lenig Cossu, Kay Nolan, Dottie Lauritzen, Marianne Ott, Connie Otto, and Barbara Solomon.

Members Absent: Michael Anderson, Steve Laveson, Heather Wells, and Pamela Zero.

Others in Attendance: Cheryl Nathan, Kathy Kollenburn (Staff Liaison)

The Gresham Art Committee was called to order on April 7, 2016 by Chair Cathy Huntington at 4:45pm.

Barbara Solomon moved and Kay Nolan seconded the motion that the minutes of the March committee meeting be approved as read. There was a unanimous decision for approval.

Connie Otto reported that since July 1, 2015 the committee expenses for putting on the exhibits in the visual arts gallery total \$2,429.36. Our latest expenditure was in January for a new ladder to be used when hanging the exhibits.

Show Reports

H2O: Everyone agreed that the H2O show was very successful. The exhibit had four sales. Cathy thanked Kay Nolan for pulling this show together and the other committee members who helped. Great team work.

Juried Show: Dottie Lauritzen announced that the Juried exhibit has 33 artists and 67 pieces of art. Some of the pieces are very large. The show will have four categories consisting of paintings, photography, 3-D, and mixed-media. The poster was created by Ryan Anderson and his name was added as a member of the curator team. There was membership discussion and agreement to give special credit to every person that creates a poster by putting "Poster Created by", with the person's name on the poster as well as give credit to the musician. Dottie said that extra ribbons were ordered because of a decision to have more awards for the 2016 Juried show. Connie Otto moved and Barbara Solomon seconded the motion that the committee agree to pay the extra costs this year. Dottie also mentioned that a lunch was not held for the juror this year so that cost was eliminated. Vote was taken and motion passed unanimously. Dottie and Kay will be at the exhibit by 8:30am on Friday. Curator team members, Mike Anderson and Cassie Fisher will also help with take-in and hanging. Connie Otto and Barbara Solomon will also assist where needed.

Dottie announced that she will be resigning from the committee at the end of June in order to spend more time with her family.

Industrial Show: Cathy Huntington announced that there are two artist entries so far. The prospectus is on the website. She encouraged committee members to apply to be in the show. She is planning on getting the information on Craigslist to try and get artists for the Industrial Show and possibly new committee members.

Chromatic: Cindy Lenig Cossu reported that Steve Laveson may not be able to help with the show because of his work and travel. Cindy and Connie met with prospective member Cynthia Smith and she has agreed to create the poster for the exhibit.

Through the Door: Cassie will confirm that the prospectus is on the website. She said that she hopes the artists will create their work based on what the title means to them. Kay Nolan and Barbara Solomon are the other curator team members. Cassie will call a team meeting in the near future.

GAC Member Show: Cathy encouraged everyone to be creating art work for the Gresham Art Committee member exhibit that goes up in December. There was discussion on whether past art committee members' art could be included in the exhibit. With a smaller number of committee members will there be enough art work to make a show?

Other Business

There was discussion regarding all of the processes for coordinating the art exhibits. Marianne Ott said she would have appreciated being contacted so she would have had the opportunity to be more involved in the Juried Art exhibit. It was suggested that we meet after the Juried exhibit is over and come back and share what worked and what may not have worked.

Cathy stressed that changes and new ideas for shows be discussed at a committee meeting as this would help eliminate any miscommunication. Even full committee emails would be helpful in order to get input and make decisions.

There was agreement that the committee members want this committee to succeed but with a small volunteer membership it is not that easy. New members did not know how much work was involved to put on each show. Everyone was encouraged to recruit new members so the work can be spread out, especially for the technical work. Kathy Kollenburn said there may be a possibility of the artists using a city program that will automatically prepare the spread sheet. Members agreed that would be a big help. Kathy will check into this program for us and report back.

Cathy encouraged the members to start thinking about officers for the new fiscal year starting July 1, 2016.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 5 at 4:45pm. Connie announced that she will be out of town during the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Otto, Secretary