

MEMBERS PRESENT

Barbara Solomon, Chair
Leo Hartshorn
Johnathan Scott
Katherine Toft
Otis Kwame Kye Quaicoe

MEMBERS (Arriving Late)

Preston Boyd, Vice Chair (via speaker phone)
Debra Dunlap

CITY LIAISON

N/A

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTION OF GUEST(S)

Committee Chair, Barbara Solomon, called meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Jonathan to change the meeting date error and seconded by Leo.

“Amend the meeting minutes date from June 6 to June 7.”

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A motion was made by Leo to approve the amended minutes and seconded by Jonathan.

“Approve the minutes from June 7.”

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUDGET UPDATE

Annual \$3000 from the City to the Gresham Art Committee was allocated, in addition to a current standing of \$12,000 in the committee’s savings account. City Liaison advised committee to spend more on each artist reception, including increasing payments to musicians from \$75 to \$100 for 1-2 performers, and \$150 for 3 or more. Food budget should increase to \$300 with the consideration of hiring catering services. Hiring caterers will allow committee members to use their time to interact and focus on artists and guests, as well as make time to take posters to distribute to local schools.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Open Show
 - Two pieces were sold
 - Katherine to send out reminder of take down November 2nd
2. Agony & Ecstasy

- 60 submissions and 51 chosen
- Reminder to contact everyone about drop off
- Still working on labels (Barb said she will do), musicians and posters
- Barb suggested that it would be good to add “Artists Talks” to the poster
- We can talk about catering next meeting
- November 1st meeting, 2nd hanging

3. Artist Talks

- Leo to do first talk on 10/9 at 7 p.m., another Artist Talk will follow Agony & Ecstasy Show reception
- Members and the City posted notices on various websites advertising the event
- It was suggested to provide cookies and water for guests

4. Guest Book

- There was a short discussion on placement of guest book
- Jonathan is concerned about comments and possible attacks, especially young children artists. It was suggested to disclose a statement along the lines of, “We appreciate your comments but we reserve the right to ...”.
- Leo had an idea to focus comments by asking guided questions such as:
 - What do you think about the show?
 - What artist or works did you like?

Leo made a motion to add guided questions in the guest book and it was seconded by Katherine.

“Establish a few guided questions for guest book about art exhibitions”

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Juried Show (Committee member Preston called in during this time)

Preston stated that a juried show normally costs \$35 to enter, with an estimated grand prize of \$500. The Juror chooses the entries with designated members of the Committee. It was questioned how the Committee would benefit from hosting this type of event. Members of the Committee would not be eligible to enter, as it would present a conflict of interest in the event that a member wins the grand prize. However, Preston relayed that by being accepted in a Juried show, artists would benefit from the ability to include their participation in a juried show on their resumes. Possibilities of different types of awards in addition to “Best of Show” were discussed. Hosting a juried show can be a learning experience for new artists who haven’t entered this type of show before. The Committee is considering hosting a “Juried” show in 2020 and adding it as a fifth show, yet details need finalizing before moving forward.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Preston informed the Committee about a donation event happening in Tigard at George Fox University, on November 12 for the “Houseless”. They need toothbrushes, hand warmers, blankets, canned and dry food. There was a suggestion to have a barrel somewhere around City Hall to collect donations.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6 PM

Respectfully submitted by Debra Dunlap