

Arts Board Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2004
Silverdale Annex/Poplar Room
9729 Silverdale Way, Silverdale, WA

In attendance: Vice Chair Gail Goodrick, Wendy Armstrong, Bill Baran-Mickle, Judith Craig, James Smalley, Richard Thornton, Kenneth VanderDoes, Gwen Atwood, Guest: Amy Burnett, Amy Burnett Gallery and Staff: Dana Hills.

I. Call to Order

a. Meeting was called to order at 3:34 P.M. by Gail Goodrick, Vice Chair.

II. Read and approve minutes of November 5th and December 3, 2003

a. Motion made, seconded and minutes were unanimously approved.

III. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

a. Motion made, seconded and Bill Baran-Mickle was appointed to Chair of the Arts Board for 2004.

b. Motion made, seconded and Gail Goodrick was appointed to Vice Chair of the Arts Board for 2004.

IV. Other

a. Kenneth VanderDoes and Gwen Atwood, the two new members appointed to the Arts Board, introduced themselves and the other Board members introduced themselves.

b. Gail Goodrick introduced Amy Burnett to the Board Members. Goodrick asked Burnett if she knew if anything was being planned for art to be placed in the new Government Center. Burnett said she had only been involved in a minimal way. She stated that she sat on an Advisory Board in the development phase of the Government Center and was promised that there would be money for art in the new center but nothing ever came of it. Burnett noted that she has owned the Amy Burnett Art Gallery in Bremerton for twelve years and her gallery has received numerous honors over the years. She said her family has lived in Bremerton through four generations. She spoke about Bremerton and the problems it has faced over the years and she felt that if commerce and development came to Bremerton again it would bring more artists to the area. Burnett told the Board that there was a group in Bremerton that has adopted a memorial project named "Give Them Hell Harry" and they are going to be getting funding for it. She noted to the Board members that there were several displays of art work in Bremerton and she mentioned there was a bar called the "South Pacific" that has an original sketched Popeye drawing on the wall. She said there was a Puppet Museum open now in Bremerton and they already have a collection of puppets that included one from the "Howdy Doody" show. Burnett told the Board that the Kitsap County Historical Society received a grant for \$23, 000 to create historical treasure boxes given to the schools and they received a \$60,000 grant last year for their storage bins. She mentioned to the Board that the Puppet Museum was looking for volunteers to sit on their Board if any one was interested. Burnett had given the Board members a calendar of one of her reproduction paintings and different brochures of art functions going

on in the County. She said one of the expensive things for Artists was advertising for their own work. She stated advertising would be one of the things that she would like to see the Arts Board help out with. She told the Board that she has been fighting for art in the area for years and it has been a long battle. She hopes that having an Arts Board now in the County would help. Burnett did say that Bremerton needs to form their own Board and has felt this way for a long time. Bill Baran-Mickle asked Burnett how the new Bremerton Ferry Terminal has been received and she said excellent. Goodrick asked Burnett who paid for the sculpture at PSNS of the worker and the little boy. Burnett did not know. The Board and Burnett discussed the rumor of a fountain going in at the new Government Center and the seven artists who contributed to it. Ken VanderDoes asked Burnett if the 1% for Arts in Bremerton was a dead issue and Burnett said she really did not know. VanderDoes also asked Burnett if there was any type of arts board or committee in the area and Burnett said she knew of one, which was the West Sound Art Council. The Board and Burnett talked about Bainbridge Island and how organized they were with art in their area. Judith Craig said all it takes is to have one person with the drive to get organization and encouragement for the arts. Baran-Mickle suggested that Bremerton talk with Bainbridge Island art group to see how they handle and organize art in their City.

c. Bill Baran-Mickle explained to the new Board Members what projects the County has going currently. He said Karen Ross, Project Manager for Kitsap County, informs the Board of the status of the projects. Baran-Mickle said the Arts Board has already chosen three artists for the new Administration Building and told them who they were and what kind of art they are going to be doing for the building. He also explained the process and the role of the Arts Board. Baran-Mickle mentioned to the Board members that he would like to see the Board at the end of the year write a letter to the Commissioners explaining what the Board has been working on and accomplished for the year and letting them know what was in store for the upcoming year. He said he would draft a letter to the Commissioners for the Board to review. The Board members asked Dana Hills, staff, to set up meetings with the three artists for the new Administration Building, at their studios, to see how the progress for their projects was coming along. Baran-Mickle said he would look at the Arts Board Bylaws to see what subcommittees the Board has and who was responsible for each one.

V. Upcoming Agenda Items

- a. Review Subcommittee's
- b. Registry Letter, Form and Database
- c. Develop Goals for the 2004-Year

VI. Meeting Adjourned at 5:00 P.M.