



MINUTES

February 3, 2010
4:45 P.M. – 6:45 P.M.
Coroners Office
Bremerton

PRESENT:

Robin Denis, Linley Logan, Katie McDevitt, Lori Johnson, Alison Sonntag, Larry Van Over and Lee Reyes.

ABSENT:

Joyce Merkel and Robert Jones

I. CALL TO ORDER

Linley Logan, Member, called the meeting to order at 4:52 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

After review of the January 6, 2010 minutes, the minutes were approved with the notation that Lori Johnson did not express interest in being nominated for Vice-Chair.

III. UP FOR DISCUSSION

CVG Artwork – The members met at the Collective Visions Gallery on January 29th at 10:00 AM to select artwork for purchase. Two pieces were chosen by the group and the pictures were sent out for those absent to consider. Robert Jones recommended three options to the members as there were concerns that we still have pieces of art unhung in the Rotating Art Collection and purchasing another seems inappropriate. Robert's suggested options were as follows:

1. That we purchase 'Little Boston Welcome' specifically for the Auditor's Office. This piece documents an historic event, that of the Tribal Journeys 2009. It appears to be appropriate for that space in that more authentic North Coast Indian Art characterizes the building in general. If hung on the wall behind the desk on the far end of the space it would always be viewed from a distance and provide a strong formal focal point. The piece is 30x60 and would be large enough to command the attention of the viewer. We thought that we would petition support from the Auditor prior to making a decision to purchase this piece.
2. That we purchase 'Learning to Fly' for the rotating art collection and immediately select a location for its placement. Anna Hoey's work (in my

estimation) exhibits the 'best of show' in her well executed style of watercolor. By choosing to make only this purchase (half of what was authorized) we would be exhibiting some measure of fiscal restraint in light of the current economic conditions, and be making a high quality purchase.

3. That we decline to make any purchases at all. There could be some controversy generated by the expenditure of public funds at this time for art, and some members of the board may feel somewhat strongly about this position. To balance this argument we should consider that artists as a group have taken a huge hit in this economy because art purchases are an easy thing to postpone/forgo. We could reason that this is money well placed in circulation to help in some small way the economy of Kitsap County.

Robin Denis suggested eliminating option three. The members thereafter discussed the pieces that were recommended for the purchase award for the Collective Visions Gallery:

'Little Boston Welcome'
by Priscilla Preuss, Kingston,
\$1,800.00

'Learning to Fly'
by Anna Hoey, Bremerton,
\$1,000.00

After a brief discussion of the artwork the following action was taken:

***ACTION: Katie McDevitt motioned to purchase the “Little Boston Welcome” piece from Priscilla Preuss contingent on the Auditor’s Office favorable response to the piece being placed in the Elections space of the Kitsap County Administration Building. Robin Denis seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.**

Elections – The last position open on the 2010 Arts Board is the position of Vice-Chair. Katie McDevitt nominated Linley Logan as Vice-Chair and Robin Denis seconded the nomination. Linley Logan declined the position stating that should no other member step forward he will rescind his declination. After a brief discussion on candidates available the following action was taken:

***ACTION: Katie McDevitt motioned to nominate Joyce Merkel as Vice-Chair for the 2010 Kitsap County Arts Board. Larry Van Over seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.**

Goals for 2010 – The Board members collaborated during the January 5, 2010 meeting and came up with goals for 2010 and accomplishments for the 2009 year. Lee Reyes will put that together for the review of the Board.

The members would like to tap into art events around the County to do public relations and thrust the board into the community. The board could participate as part of jury members for art calls or art shows. Possibly have a booth at art festivals to broaden our exposure.

Katie suggested that members adopt local galleries in their area to act as Liaisons to keep people informed on what is going on. Alison Sonntag asked that members bring a list of galleries that they would like to “adopt” to the March meeting.

Larry Van Over suggested getting a list of Artists in the area with email addresses and phone numbers. This would help the Board to get information out to our local artists on upcoming calls or shows. Lee Reyes advised that there is a list on the website for those artists who wish to register on the Kitsap County Arts Board Artist Register. She will work with Information Services to get this list and possibly include categories for easy sorting. The categories were suggested as follows:

- Visual Arts
- Performing Arts
- Literary Arts
- Installation Arts
- Other

The members talked about the remaining artwork to be hung. The courthouse is going through repairs and it would be ideal to hang the remaining artwork we have. It was suggested to have the March meeting at the courthouse to do a walk through and possibly hang artwork.

Linley Logan and Larry Van Over volunteered to help with installing the artwork. Lee Reyes has the tool to secure the artwork, however, hardware is needed.

The members talked about getting out into the public and would like to have a brochure to pass and business cards. Lee will bring sample business cards to the next meeting. A brochure was done back in 2009 and Lee will email to the members again for suggestions and changes.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Robin Denis announced that she would like to try and get \$1,000 to do 10 mini \$100 scholarships for students or teachers in art classes around the school districts of Kitsap County.

The CVG will hold its award ceremony on Saturday at 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM at the Norm Dicks Government Center. The purchase award will have to be presented during this ceremony.

V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the board the meeting was adjourned at 5:56 p.m.