



Special Meeting: Art Committee Minutes

January 26, 2016 at 3 p.m.

Present: Johanna Delaney, Chair; Kathleen Wilson, Trustee; Vicky Bush-Joseph; Margaret Carsello-Chiappetta; Karen Kleckner Keefe, Executive Director; Ridgeway Burns, Youth and Young Adult Services Manager

Absent: Laura Tortorello, Pat Potokar; Pam White

Also Present: David Lee Csicsko

The meeting was called to order at 3:24 p.m.

Margaret Carsello-Chiappetta introduced artist David Lee Csicsko.

Csicsko showed the committee images of his work, beginning with a mosaic installation at the CTA's Belmont Station. He mentioned that mosaics were selected for this project because they require very little maintenance. The pieces arrive affixed to a flexible mesh and are typically applied from that. Grout is installed after the mesh-backed pieces are attached to the surface.

Csicsko also shared images of work he created for St. Columbanus Church and School in Chicago. The project he did for Lurie Children's Hospital included glass work that accommodated concerns about airflow, cleaning, and condensation.

In 2012, he created original holiday decorations for the White House. Pieces included stained glass, a laser-cut wood sculpture for the First Lady's garden, ceramic tiles, ornaments, and an embroidered pillow.

Csicsko has also created large backdrops and freestanding sculptures for private events.

He showed the committee examples of different characters he has created, including a series called the "Feral Kingdom" and one of aquatic life for a Chicago fountain.

The committee thanked Csicsko for sharing his work and took him on a tour of the lower level Youth Services space. Kathleen Wilson explained that she had another commitment and left the meeting.

In their tour, the committee concentrated on the south side of the room, which is primarily used by grade school aged children. They expressed interest in seeing a proposal that included ideas for several stained glass pieces that could be hung in front of the windows. They also asked Csicsko for ideas for the two columns in the middle of the room and for the wall above the shelving on the east side of the room.

The committee discussed the community's historic trees and appreciation of nature, as well as an interest in images or iconography that referenced knowledge.

The committee told Csicsko that project budget is \$25,000, including installation. They asked him to create a proposal that included concepts for each of the three spaces identified, with a budget for each space.

Executive Director Keefe will coordinate a meeting at the beginning of March for Csicsko to review his proposal.

On a motion by Vicky Bush-Joseph and seconded by Johanna Delaney, the meeting was adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

Approved: June 6, 2016