



HINSDALE
PUBLIC LIBRARY

Art Committee Minutes

January 19, 2016 at 7 p.m.

Present: Johanna Delaney, Chair; Laura Tortorello, Trustee; Kathleen Wilson, Trustee; Vicky Bush-Joseph; Margaret Carsello-Chiappetta; Karen Kleckner Keefe, Executive Director
Absent: Pat Potokar; Pam White

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

On a motion by Kathleen Wilson and seconded by Vicky Bush-Joseph, the minutes of the November Art Committee meeting were unanimously approved.

Rotating Exhibits

The committee discussed the positive feedback they received at the Jonathan Marquardt reception.

Johanna Delaney described the exhibit based on personality types that the AP Art Class from HCHS would be displaying in the spring.

This summer, the Library will display the artwork of Kristina Knowski. Mel Thompson will exhibit this fall.

Executive Director Keefe shared the email she received from Dale Wickum expressing interest in displaying his photographs at the Library. Keefe will talk to other libraries where he has exhibited.

The committee discussed the purchase of free-standing display cases for the Quiet Room and decided not to pursue them at this time. For the time being, artists interested in incorporating 3-dimensional pieces in their exhibits could work with the Library to bring in their own display stands or shelves.

Collection Development

Available committee members will meet with artist David Lee Csicsko at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, January 26.

Margaret Carsello-Chiappetta summarized the meeting she had with Csicsko and confirmed his interest in working on a project for Hinsdale Public Library. In addition to the tilework the committee had previously viewed, he has also been working in stained glass and making some

freestanding sculptures. She originally told Csicsko that the committee's budget was somewhere between \$10,000 and \$30,000.

Executive Director Keefe expressed her preference to have work that could be relocated to another location should the Library need to make changes to how the space was being used.

The committee will confirm with Csicsko that project costs include installation.

There was unanimous support from committee members to consider the work of David Lee Csicsko as the next part of the Library's permanent art collection.

The committee discussed the project budget and agreed on a target of \$25,000.

Strategic Plan

Executive Director Keefe reviewed the art-related initiatives that are part of the Library's new Strategic Plan. The Library will host receptions for the students whose artwork is displayed in the Youth Services department and incorporate the Library's art collection into YS/YA programming.

Odds & Ends

The committee reviewed and approved the copy for the William Blake information card.

Margaret Carsello-Chiappetta told the committee about some artwork that a Hinsdale resident is selling. His mother was an artist and his father was an art collector. He showed Carsello-Chiappetta several pieces by Chicago area artists that might be appropriate for the Library's permanent collection.

Artists included Charles Vickry, Dorian Allworthy, Arthur Hall Smith, Gustave Baumann, and Norma Bassett Hall.

The committee asked Carsello-Chiappetta to get more information about the matador piece by Dorian Allworthy.

The committee will meet in February to discuss the next steps for the David Lee Csicsko commission.

On a motion by Vicky Bush-Joseph and seconded by Laura Tortorello, the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Approved: June 6, 2016