

Edina Art Center Board Meeting Sept. 22, 2005 Edina Art Center 4:00p.m.

Members Present: Dolores Dege, Linda Kieffer, Heather Randall King, Ken Rosland, Alexandra Sifferlin, Ruth Valgemaie and Jim Van Valkenburg

Members Absent: Gene Andersen, Sandra Clark, Liz Eisenbrey, and Mike Kelly,

Staff Present: Brad Benn, Diana Hedges and Phil Johnson

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of last month's meeting were read and approved.

JURIED SHOW – Dolores Dege

Dee reported on the Juried Show. It helped greatly that the work was ready when they got to the check-in table. More people were unprepared than expected and we should have at least 20 wire kits available for them. Diana's suggestion of assigning numbers in the order that the work was received was also a great help. We had assigned numbers as entry forms were received in the past then had to decide where to put the work accordingly. Diana commented that we need to give the judges a little more direction. We hadn't wanted to restrict their decisions but had to encourage them to make more cuts and finally got down to 130 pieces which is a very tight show. They should also be asked to plan more extensive comments although both need not speak. The judges did spend a great deal of time answering individual questions however. Dee expressed gratitude to her son and daughter, Jeff Dege and Joy Meyers for all their help with the hanging.

Financial Report, Expenses:

Judges	\$300
Awards of Excellence	\$500
Awards of Merit	\$250
Peoples Choice Award	\$75
Scholarships	\$150
Reception	\$250
Wine	<u>\$50</u>
Total	\$1575

+ Staff time and misc. such as in-house program printing

Income:

Donations for wine at receipt.	\$50	
Entry Fees	2700	
Donations total	<u>\$4200</u>	(In-kind \$100)
Total Income	\$6950	(last year \$6425)

The Board expressed its thanks to Dee for a job well done.

REPORT ON FALL INTO THE ARTS – Ken Rosland

Information not ready. Ken said he would report at next meeting. Diana reported roughly \$1000 for Tavern and mentioned that Liz Eisenbrey sent a letter with suggestions for improving the activity.

MEDIA STUDIOS – Phil Johnson

The Senior Center will keep four computers. Phil found that they have no resale value without some software which the City of Edina requires that we remove before selling. He said an attempt to get rid of some other things through a Police Dept connection fell through.

Phil said that Janet is set up to photograph jewelry for artists' portfolios or for insurance purposes. The portrait fundraiser is set up. The brochure has been sent; we are getting calls; callers have been visiting the photographers' websites. The goal is to let more people know that we have a studio and make the media studio work.

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES AND EDINA PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE – Linda Kieffer

Outreach

Linda reported we have artwork at Jerry's Supermarket City Hall, and the Penn Lake Library. We may drop Penn-Lake as it is a little far away and not in Edina. She is still trying to define arrangements with the Hennepin County Library on York Avenue and with the Edina Library. We have had three-dimensional work exhibited there in the display cases but they are concerned with the security of two-dimensional work. Linda moved and Dee seconded. "Outreach Exhibitors should be EAC members." Passed. To that end, Linda suggested passing out an informational sheet to members when they pick up their work from the Members' Juried Show.

Public Art Committee

Linda reported that three glass artists were selected and interviewed. They have been paid ½ of the \$500 stipend and are expected to deliver their proposals on November 1. The Artists are: Michael Pilla, Bill Saltzman, and Dietrich Spahn.

She reported that Logis still says they can't round up the Utility bills for the arts but could handle a check off of an added amount. Linda said the round up would be easier for people to agree to and Ken said he would see if anything could be done.

The Federated Women's Club grant missed Public Art by one vote and went instead to secure another Canine officer for the Police Dept. Dee moved and Ken seconded that the EPAC Committee Members be formally approved by the Board as follows: Voting Members: Linda Kieffer, Chair, Kristen Christianson, Dick Crockett, Pat Greer, Betty Hemstad, Kathleen (Kay) Wetherall

Staff: John Keprios, Diana Hedges, Brad Benn

Passed. Ken commented that the committee needs to establish guidelines.

Heather passed out copies of an article from the Boston Globe on Public Art. She mentioned that the Edina Art Center was mentioned in an article in Mpls-St.Paul magazine.

Tile Festival

Brad reported that the Tile Festival was worthwhile in getting us recognition. We collected \$50 in donations and people enjoyed the art activity. We donated a tile video to their silent auction.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Diana Hedges

Diana reported that volunteers were still needed for the Carnival of the Arts on Sunday, October 9. She said an artist from Mongolia will demonstrate. There will be a Mongolian children's game and an art activity. Mongolian food and tea would be in the TeaRoom and the participants would be in costume and there would be candid photos with them in the Media Studio.

Next Board Meeting will be October 27 at 4pm at the Art Center.

ADJOURNMENT -The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 pm.