

Present: Garrie Burr, Marilyn Cathcart, Maria D'Agrosa-Sweney, Diane Davenport, Melcine Henderson, Dan Martin, Adelia Parker-Castro, Barbara Romero, Barbara Santoro, Mary Dee Schmidt, Charlotte Tatum, Joy Wade, Kay Watts

Lynda Euell-Taylor, Staff Liaison

Excused: Ann Cortinovic, Trish Hayes

The meeting was **called to order** at 7:02 by Barbara Romero.

**March minutes** were accepted on a motion from Mary Dee Schmidt and Adelia Parker-Castro

**Treasurer's report:** Dan reported \$1100 in the Levy fund; he will provide bank statements in the future. Report accepted on a motion by Melcine Henderson and Diane Davenport

No **Council member's report** in Arthur Sharpe, Jr's absence

**Staff report:** PR for the Photo Show is complete; Lynda Euell-Taylor is beginning to work on that for the concerts

**Sculpture Series:** Reception was well-attended. (Avant didn't get PR out, nor for Returning Artist reception.) Garrie Burr submitted questions to the artists and, when answers are available, will put the the q&a on our website. Area children are enjoying playing on QRCity, as we would hope. Feedback of this sort including specific anecdotes and interactions is requested by RAC.

**Returning Artist:** Diane is stepping down as chair and is preparing notebooks of helps from the last two years. She recommends that the committee be formed and begin work in May. The school district requests that we consider the possibility of having the artist(s) come in January in the future. There is a dvd of the students' interview with the artists and good articles in *U Times*. There will be an article in *The St. Louis American*.

**Photo Show:** Joy Wade reports that the photographs have been hung in the library gallery; photographers are mostly students. Sign-up sheets are available for the reception.

**Starlight Concerts:** Deadline for contracts and fees is April 30. Melcine will ask Todd Yancy for student-created posters, the genre will be included on schedules.

**Marketing:** Garrie suggests: 1) highlight and update all of our programs all year rather than just as they occur, 2) make the website easy to pass along to the next commissioner in charge, 3) maintain a current mailing list in order to notify of changes to the site, 4) set up an approval process so that program chairs have right-of-approval of what goes on the site. Our (shorter) domain name has been registered as <http://universitycityartsandletters.wordpress.com/>.

We will have sign up access for mailing list at all events. PNC Bank donates generously to the arts; Diane will look into the possibility of accessing donations for A&L.

**Old Business:** Diane asked whether we are participating in the Fair U. City. We have not been requested to provide a band and have not voted to provide funds for one. Melcine will determine whether there is the need for us to do so. A&L authorized up to \$1100 to provide for a band for one evening at Fair U. City on a motion by Dan Martin and Melcine.

**New Business:** The question was raised of how committees are set up and leaders determined. Generally, that has been done by the interests of the Commissioner and needs of the Commission.

Barbara Romero reports that a member of the Loop Meia Hub Roundtable has been invited to come to discuss the lines (sensors) to be placed under Delmar for the trolley.

Garrie reports that the City would like for us to pay for one of the movies in the parks (not before July). Washington University is contributing teaching materials for "To Kill a Mockingbird."

Remember to publicize/fill out the "Artists Count" survey for RAC

Adelia and Maria D'Agrosa-Sweney met with the director of Island Press at Washington University. They are excited at the prospect of starting a print program with A&L and will continue discussions. Adelia and Maria will be in touch with Marvin Levy to determine his interest in student printmaking, including a painting component. They will also consider collaboration with the sensors at the Commons.

All commissioners should contribute prizes for concert raffles—one \$25 purchase and one company match would be great. We need two prizes/concert.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55.