



CYRUS DALLIN ART MUSEUM Minutes



Date: Tuesday, January 12, 2021
Time: 7:00pm
Location: Conducted by Remote Participation

Members present: Sarah Burks, Co-Chair, Tracy Skahan, Chris Costello, Ellen Aamodt, Geraldine Tremblay, Molly Harper, Susan Gilbert
Others present: Chuck Luca, Mark DeCew, Heather Leavell (at 8:10), James McGough, Trustee Emeritus, James Charnley, Laura Northridge

Start @ 7:05

Minutes

1. Executive Order on Remote Participation

S. Burks reviewed the Executive Order on Remote Participation.

2. Board of Director's report

J. Charnley presented the treasure's report. He went into detail regarding certain accounting designations especially for acquisitions and what "remainder" refers to in the budget. He also reported generally on the Annual appeal – that we did well with the appeal and membership renewals this year.

M. Harper talked about "redbubble" an ordering merchandise online. S. Burks said she saw an etsy site selling merchandise.

G. Tremblay reported on the Annual appeal numbers to date and that we went over our goal this year. She also reported that:

- Newsletter went out in early December
- Bob Shure is working on Signal of Peace and once finished, it will go in the Native American Gallery
- Bob Shure also working on estimate to repair the Last Council
- That the Collections committee will have first meeting soon – Andrew Jay will send out email to committee to schedule meeting.

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We applied for a Mass. Cultural grant for operations but were denied because there were not enough funds available for everyone. We also applied for a grant to restore the Cyrus Dallin self-portrait. The painting is in really bad shape so cost of this restoration is \$3750. We have price to frame too but that should be \$250. Thanks to Jim, Sarah and Ellen for getting the newsletters out and for Jim for writing thank you notes. H. Leavell has talk 2/16 at Newton Library – she will send Zoom link. We discussed N. Blanton’s presentation. M. Harper indicated that she’ll be getting the link and then discussed that we’ll want to do some editing of that piece and others. We discussed if the newsletters are on our website and if we share the page on our social media channel.

3. Review of Action Items

S. Burks mentioned that we are looking for a volunteer to take and distribute running list of AI’s monthly. C. Luca indicated that he would take the AI’s.

4. Collections/Curatorial

G. Tremblay said no update on the Revere Panel yet.

E. Aamodt said that she was really happy to see our posts on Instagram.

5. Operations/Facilities

S. Burks reported that we had to close again because of COVID and when we will be able to re-open again.

C. Luca indicated that ducts and air handlers are an ongoing item. Crushed duct will eventually be replaced just no timeline yet. We discussed issue with back door.

6. Review of Minutes

J. McGough discussed the Davidson album from Arlington Art Association that dissolved. He finished and repaired the album and G. Tremblay will archive.

E. Aamodt made a motion to approve the minutes of December 8, 2020, as corrected. G. Tremblay seconded. Unanimously approved by roll call vote.

7. Volunteers’ Report

M. DeCew asked if we could still go into the building for training new docents, etc. M. Harper said that docents could do their own Zoom call for training. M. DeCew volunteered to handle such Zoom calls for training and maybe general docent socializing.

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8. Events Calendar

M. Harper reported that there were 80 attendees at N. Blanton's talk and shared additional information on the program. E. Aamodt said should we have S. Gilbert do something for the Lincoln newsletter. M. Harper indicated that once the video is uploaded online, it will be a better opportunity to talk about piece.

We reviewed the events calendar generally and:

- Upcoming: Feb. 16, 7PM, online talk about ?? (Heather)
- Upcoming: Mar 11, 6PM, online talk about suffragists (Sarah)
- Planning: Forest Cuch, Kids Sculpture Workshop, etc.
- Kids sculpture workshop online in April.
- E. Aamodt neighbor, Krista, and her excavation and Plymouth Plantation talk. H. Leavell will reach out to historical society to see what they have planned to coordinate. (AI for H. Leavell)(May?)
- M. Harper said that the Paul Revere House would be interested in doing something (April?).
- C. Costello coin talk. We discussed options/format for his talk (June?).

M. Harper shared our social media outreach. We have some videos for editing which M. DeCew can edit for us.

9. Marketing/Publicity

S. Gilbert will investigate if Lincoln has local paper for post event write-up for N. Blanton's presentation.

C. Luca said that he and S. Gilbert are working on the AOTG list to either put on website or where appropriate.

We discussed publicity for S. Burks's March talk.

10. New/Old Business

S. Burks indicated that this is a good time to have elections for vice chair and chair, other roles and/or responsibilities for 2021. Add to top of the agenda next month.

Add Diversity, Equity & Inclusion update to agenda. For this month S. Burks indicated nothing to report yet.

S, Burks asked if M. DeCew finished his Dallin's cashe. S, Burks asked if Wikipedia tracks traffic to page.

Meeting adjourned at 9:02pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for February 9th at 7pm.