

MINUTES

TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN, ART COMMISSION MEETING – WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1999

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Present: Connie Black, Neva Hansen, Julie Heller, Rosemary Hillard

Absent (Excused) Sandy Fay

Meeting was held in Town Hall. Julie called the meeting to order at 5:09 p.m.

1. Grants

Julie reported that the Art Commission has again received the "no name" private grant in the amount of \$1,000. to be used for restoration, framing, storage and conservation of art that is part of the town collection.

11. Restoration Work

Julie reported that restoration work on art at the High School is complete except for the Hensche painting, "Expecting Motherhood," and the installation of protective Plexiglas over the Moffett murals in the hallway.

III. COA

- Rosemary presented Julie with a list of 10 paintings selected by the COA. Some of these works need restoration before they are hung, many need only rematting and/ or refraining.
- The COA has also requested one large painting for the vast blank wall in their upstairs recreation room. Julie and Rosemary will choose a suitable piece from those currently at the Heritage Museum. Completion of this project is to be a priority.

IV. School Annex Building & D

- Julie and Neva visited the School Annex Building and reported that Supt. Fleming is agreeable to work being hung there. Several members suggested that the Annex Building would be a good showcase for the many large Chaffee paintings that are presently in storage at the Heritage Museum... these could be hung in offices while works on paper, under glass, could be hung in hallways. It is also possible that storage space could be arranged at the annex.
- Work needs to be selected, restored if necessary, and hung in the office of the DPW Director and in the School Annex Building. The DPW Director has expressed an interest in contemporary / modern art and the slides will be reviewed in order to offer some selections to him as soon as possible.

V. Slide Catalog and database

- Rosemary made a motion, seconded by Neva, that the Art Commission make funds available to pay Patricia Zur (who did this work for us previously) and an assistant of her choice, \$12. per hour each to complete the photography, measurement and examination of the 30 some works for which we do not have slides. Rosemary suggested that we transfer the database to a PC format program to make it compatible with Town Hall systems. Rosemary has confirmed that the transfer can be made to FileMaker Pro, and will check with the Town Clerk to see if this is a program the Town uses or if files need to be transferred to Access. The current Macintosh based program does not allow images to be part of the database while this can be done in either of the other programs.
- Motion by Rosemary, seconded by Connie, that the Art Commission approve hiring a temporary employee, at the rate of \$12 /hr. to complete the data transfer and integration of image files in the database. Approved unanimously.
- Slides will need to be scanned to obtain digital image files for inclusion in the database. Rosemary will research contractors for this and report on estimated cost per image.

VI. Assistant

Julie made a motion that the Art Commission hire a part-time assistant at the rate of \$12. / fir to help with hanging/ moving paintings, etc. to facilitate our operations. Second by Rosemary. Unanimous approval. Peter Macara and David Foley were suggested as possible candidates for this job though the Commission is open to other recommendations too.

VII. Chaim Gross Sculpture Cleanup

o No report, SF absent. Julie will pursue contractors for inspection/ restoration of all town bronzes.

NEW BUSINESS

Letter of Gratitude

Julie suggested that the Art Commission send a letter of gratitude to Nyla in recognition of all the work she did during her tenure. Rosemary agreed to draft a letter by the next meeting. Once approved, the letter will be signed by all Art Comm-dssion members before being sent.

Operating & Capital Budget Request

Neva made a motion that the Art Commission request \$4,500 for the upcoming year (we have received \$3,000 in each of the previous two years). Second by Rosemary. Unanimous approval.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

o no minutes were available for review

NEXTMEETING

The next meeting of the Provincetown Art Commission will take place on
Wednesday, December 1, 1999 – 5 PM at Town Hall.

Julie made a motion to adjourn. Second by Connie. Unanimous approval. The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 PM.

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Julie Heller, Chairperson

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