

MINUTES

Marion Craine Gallery Exhibition Committee Meeting

November 20, 2012

Call to Order:

A quorum was established and the meeting called to order at 9:10 a.m. by Eileen Godin. The meeting was held in the Trustees Room of Snow Library.

Meeting Attendance:

- **Committee Members present:** Florence Adams, Margaret Furness, Eileen Godin, Amy Heller, Kathy Meyers and Andree Yager.
- **Library Staff members present:** Director, Mary Reuland and Principal Clerk, Anita Firmin.
- **Others present for regular Marion Craine Gallery Meeting:** Board of Trustees Liaison, Megan Fates and former Orleans Cultural Council member, Jo Anna Keeley.
- **Absent:** Betsy Wagner

Public Comment:

- Jo Anna Keeley, a former member of the Orleans Cultural Council (OCC) addressed the Craine Gallery Committee regarding a show that is scheduled for May 2013 in the Craine Gallery. Last year, the OCC held a show in the gallery, which was a juried show. OCC manages the Margaret F. Dole Memorial Fund, which was gifted to the town in 1970. The fund was set up to educate Orleans citizens and promote the arts through exhibits in public spaces. OCC had a very successful show in the Craine Gallery last year and would like to hold a similar show this May. OCC will be partnering with the Firehouse Gallery for this show. As part of this show, all works would be displayed, and an entry fee would be submitted directly to the Town and scholarships offered for those unable to pay the entry fee. The juried part of the show would take place at the Firehouse. The Craine Gallery would display the works that are chosen as 'winners' from the initial show at the Firehouse Gallery.

Approval of minutes:

- The minutes, of the Marion Craine Gallery Exhibition Committee Meeting held October 17, 2012, were reviewed and accepted.

Regular Meeting

- A discussion was held regarding the proposal from the OCC. Questions raised included: suggested donations vs. a fee, type of art displayed, sales of work in the gallery, and the anonymous donor who will pay the fee for the program. The main focus was on whether juried shows, like the OCC show, fulfill the mission of the Craine Gallery. As a result of the discussion, it was decided that Eileen Godin, Chair, would write a letter to Tricia Ares outlining our desire to work with the committee, but outlining some concerns that need to be addressed as a result of policy. She would circulate a draft copy prior to sending.

Library Director's Report:

- **Front Door Repairs:** The Library will close for 2 days on November 16-17 for front door repair.
- **Rowena Myers Concert Series:** The Rowena Myers Concert series will be held on Saturdays in January. The schedule of events has been finalized.
- **Cape Codder Digital Archive Reception:** On Saturday, January 12 an opening announcing the Digitization of the Cape Codder Project will be held in the Craine Gallery.

Student Representative Report

- None.

Old Business:

- Signs to announce Craine Gallery art openings will be made by Young & Fancy.

Review Gallery Schedule:

- Margaret Furness presented an artist who is requesting to exhibit in the Craine Gallery; West Asia Study and Action Group of Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. The artwork contains photos taken of children's drawings from Gaza. **A motion was made and seconded "to deny the show by West Asia Study and Action Group of Women's International League for Peace and Freedom for the Craine Gallery". The motion carried with a vote 6-0-0.**
- Further decisions will be made at a future meeting regarding exhibits in 2013.

New Business:

- The Committee will finalize changes to the "Guidelines for Exhibitors" at the December Meeting regarding "juried shows".
- The Committee will finalize changes to the "Policy for Exhibits" at the December Meeting regarding "juried shows".

Adjournment:

- A Motion was made and seconded to "*adjourn the meeting*" at 10:42 a.m. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0-0.

Respectfully submitted, Anita Firmin, Principal Clerk, Snow Library

<p><i>APPROVED BY THE MARION CRAINE GALLERY EXHIBITION COMMITTEE ON DECEMBER 19, 2012.</i></p>
