

Lower Paxton Township Arts Council Meeting held May 3, 2023

Members attending were Patricia Crawford, Laurie Holmes, Teresa Gonzalez and Shelly Echeverria and Stan Smith

Staff Liaison: Rachelle Scott

Guests: Michelle Thompson, Public Engagement Specialist, Maria Lagasca, Manager East Shore Area Library, Tina Lauver, Library Marketing and Public Relations Manager, Jennifer Regina, prospective Arts Council member and Donald Barr, local artist.

Matters discussed include the following:

1. Art at the Library

Maria Lagasca, Manager of the East Shore Area Library, stated that the hanging materials for the display of art at the Library had been delivered and could be installed by Library staff, however the wall should be painted prior to the installation. Laurie Holmes and Shelly Echeverria can meet with Maria to discuss colors that would be an appropriate backdrop for the display of a variety of artworks. Tina Lauver distributed draft copies of materials to publicize the “meet the artist” event that will be held on Saturday afternoon June 3 from 3 to 4:30 with small snacks (wine and cheese ?) and information about the artists available on the main floor of the Library.

There was discussion of the format for the event poster and other promotional materials which included:

- a. Drop Pop Up designation to be replaced by some acceptable version of “Spotlighting Local Artists”, “Spotlight on Local Art” “Local Art in the Limelight/Spotlight”
- b. Addition of contact information and QR code to materials.
- c. Having exhibition dates run quarterly rather than monthly.
- d. Use of the display case that might be more variable than use of the wall area.

Rachelle stressed the importance of development of clear criteria for screening art that the Arts Council will choose to exhibit in the future

It was also discussed that Donald Barr might install his artwork after Laurie and Shelly’s is removed.

2. “Summer of Soul” Film Event

The film will be shown” at the Library on Sunday afternoon June 4.

Shelly indicated that she can get a person to present brief (5 minute) introductory remarks and that the promotions could tie in Juneteenth celebrations.

Pat Crawford suggested that a future film might be a Bollywood selection, if one can be recommended that is two hours or less. Stan Smith contacted his friend, Brad Broderick, who is knowledgeable about available Indian films and has assisted the Arts Council in the past, for a recommendation to be discussed at a future meeting.

3. Book Discussions

Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver is scheduled to be discussed on June 15. The next selection or selections will be made by those in attendance on that date.

4. Other Matters

Rachelle pointed out that Trash Cans to Treasures, which originated as an Arts Council project, continues to be carried out very successfully by Parks and Recreation staff.

Next meeting of the Arts Council is scheduled June 7 at 4:00 pm at the Municipal Center.