

James Island Arts Committee Meeting
January 4, 2017

Present: Pat Hiott-Mason, Laura Del La Maza, Colin Johnson, Catherine Lamkin, Garrett Millikin, Chris Donna, Katherine Williams, Meredith Poston, Inez Brown-Couch, Shawn Halifax

Katherine Williams, committee chair, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. In the secretary's absence Garrett took notes at the December 7th meeting. They were not read at the January meeting.

Committee Reports:

Accounting:

Garrett reported that the committee has roughly \$1061. Pat reported that the Folly Beach Artist Guild donated \$100 to the fundraiser, Jim Booth donated a print which is to be raffled for \$5 a chance, and the framing which should be only \$40. Pat is responsible for coordinating this donation. Katherine reported that she and Mary Beth plan to approach Bishop Gadsden for a monetary donation and volunteers.

Communications:

Meredith and Kty will do interviews with the donating artist to be used for marketing of the art auction on the committee's art website, and invited others to help. There was discussion about having an online auction of some items before the celebration on February 25. There was further discussion on how to communicate that it is a fundraiser. Garrett suggested that the words "fundraiser for art teachers" be emphasized. Inez suggested taking flyers, which say "fundraiser," to the local churches. Catherine suggested sending press releases and editorials, and creating a U-tube channel; Colin said though he's not a videographer, he could create the channel. Katherine said cards will go out to students informing their parents of the fundraiser, and that the website will profile artists. Katherine will send Garrett a black and white flyer for the PSD mailout, and get an announcement on the PSD marquee. Postage was approved for sending out post cards to persons known to collect art.

Teacher Liaison:

Laura re-sent forms and detailed information to the twelve art teachers. Pat is to ask the Island Bazaar, next door to Town Hall, if they would participate as they did last year by setting up the high school art display in the back of the shop. Laura and Pat will hang the student art on February 17 so it can be judged. Laura will ask Dan to judge the student art again.

Hospitality:

Inez will staff the reception and favors the use of the meeting room for the finger food again this year. Trader Joe's will donate. The wine will again be in another area. Russ

Mason consented to bar tend. Smokey Oaks Restaurant will be approached for a donation of food. Mary Beth, responsible for organizing entertainment, was not present.

Artist Liaison:

Sherry Brown and Pat are collecting art for the auction. Pat has put hangers on the art not purchased at 2016 auction. One piece was framed to make it more desirable. Pat has asked the Folly Beach Artist Guild members to donate paintings and crafts, and has already received several paintings and pieces of jewelry.

There was discussion about the displaying the art for the auction. Pat offered her screens for the high school student display, and will ask Sherry for the use of her free standing screens. It was suggested we ask to hang art on the recently painted walls of Town Hall, and that Laura would repair any nail-holes the next morning. Garrett and Pat volunteered to manage the sign-in table at the entrance, where the raffle items will be displayed. Katherine will emcee.

New Business: Katherine announced that Kendra Hamilton agreed to present her poetry reading and work shop again on June 18, 2017. Shawn shared the schedule for events planned for McLeod Plantation for 2017, and inclement weather strategies were discussed.

March 4, American Gullah paintings by Sonja Griffin Evans, *People in Place*. We will try to get this info in the PSD mailout.

March 18, Project Okurase, musical performance by students from Ghana. Visa issues are being resolved.

April 23, Lowcountry Voices concert

May 20, Work shop with Sonja Griffin Evans

June 18, Poetry with Kendra Hamilton.

Date unspecified - Joe McGill Slave Dwelling Project, sleepover and show of photos by high school students.

It was suggested that Juneteenth might be a good time for Catherine's Fiber Art show.

The arts committee was asked to attend the Town council meeting on January 19, 2017 when the mural issue will be discussed. It was announced that CCSD's Elementary Strings program was saved for the remainder of this school year.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Pat Hiott-Mason, Secretary