

James island Art Committee Meeting

June 7, 2017 5:30-7pm

Present: Katherine Williams, Shawn Hallifax, Mark Hurcamp, Mary Beth Berry, Inez Brown-Crouch, Meredith Posten, Pam Paxton, Garrett Milliken

Meeting was Called to Order at 5:40

Minutes from May 3 were approved.

The Committee welcomed Mark Huercamp who moved to James Island from Mississippi and wanted to get involved in the arts.

Accounting: Garrett reported that James Island Pride transferred \$450 to JIArts to help defray the cost of admission for the Kendra Hamilton Poetry Event June 18th. When added to the balance of 238.89 our total moneys are 689.89. Katherine reported that the Charleston Poetry Society has donated \$250 and that the "Go Fund Me" campaign raised \$1191. She also indicated that she was waiting to hear the status of two grants submitted for \$5000, to South Arts and SC Humanities. As fiscal year is nearing the end, it was decided that we would add 60.11 from the Go Fund Me contribution to bring our total to \$750 and a check would be cut to Charleston County Parks and Recreation for that amount to be used for admission to the Poetry Event at McLeod. The remaining moneys derive from donations so they will roll over to next fiscal years budget.

McLeod: The result of the letter written to the CCPRC board was that they would NOT charge an additional fee for admission to poetry events at McLeod, and the Gold Pass could be used. Therefore admission to the park will also include the event. It was decided that the CCPRC board should be specifically invited to the event and Katherine will write the letter. Shawn indicated that the \$2000 user fee for McLeod could be reduced with negotiation and that this may be an easier way to have events without keeping tabs on admissions. For the June event, we will need to provide a Complimentary Admission list to Shawn (including those who participate in the poetry workshop on Saturday June 17th). Shawn suggested the pavilion may be used as a rain plan and that the reception/book signing

could be held in the Plantation House. Garrett will see about bringing 20 chairs from Town Hall; he and MH will help Shawn set up the tents and chairs on Sunday. Mary Beth will secure light refreshments and Inez will set up the reception. Garrett has paper products left over from the auction that he will bring. Katherine will prepare and print the program and is arranging with the Fugates to produce a broadside in an edition of 35, and Shawn has received books for Kendra to sell; he will see about having the point-of-sale near the reception. KW will send SH the link to place on the McLeod facebook page, and find out how to let Summer School teachers know about the workshop.

Communications: Katherine and Meredith are working on a newsletter that may be distributed online and physically. Avery Center is on hiatus for the summer. Inez will publicize the poetry events through the island churches, and Katherine will get her 300 flyers. KW will also get flyers to Giovanni. Meredith will be on Fox 24 and Lowcountry Live (4) to promote the event. Shawn will do WSC and WEZL radio spots. The Bridge will be contacted. It was suggested that in the future we try to utilize SCETV and Public radio to advertise our events as they do this without a charge.

Art Auction: Mary Beth will bring the unsold art to Garrett for storage. There was much discussion about displaying the unsold art, selling it, etc. A policy will be developed prior to next year's auction.

New Business: A Fiber Art Show and Workshop for McLeod is in the works for the Fall, KW and Catherine will plan it and KW will write a City grant for support.

Inez announced that the historic place marker was approved for Pinckney Park, which is dedicated this Saturday. SH said that the SC African American Heritage Council and Green Book Guides would be interested.

The looms from Kit Loney's art room and a kick wheel and kiln need a place to be housed. JIArts has indicated that we need a space to hold art classes for adults and children on the island. There was much discussion about a "Community Center" that could function in this regard and also be useful to have things like "movie nights" with food trucks, etc. A number of

ideas were discussed, but it will take money to do this. Shawn suggested a planning grant which KW will investigate.

Giovanni Richardson's suggestion of the African drum and Dance troupe performing received interest from Shawn as a potential event at McLeod.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m..

Respectfully submitted by Garrett Milliken acting secretary