

MINUTES

TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN,

ART COMMISSION MEETING - WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 1999

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Present: Nyla Ahrens, Neva Hansen, Julie Heller, Rosemary Hillard

Absent (Excused) Sandy Fay

Meeting was held in Town Hall. Julie called the meeting to order at 5:14 p.m.

1. PAAM

Julie read a letter from Jim Zimmerman of the Provincetown Art Association and Museum dated March 19, 1999, requesting the loan of the Town's Hawthorne Painting "Crew of the Philomena Manta" for their exhibit August 20 - September 21st of this year. Rosemary stated that she had sent a slide of the painting to the Babcock Gallery in NY for their use in preparing materials for the show and that she has notified PAAM that they need to submit a formal loan agreement for the loan of the painting(s.)

Rosemary made a motion that the Art Commission offer PAAM the loan of both of the Town owned Hawthorne paintings that currently hang in Town Hall. Second by Nyla. Unanimous approval.

Julie agreed to verbally notify PAAM of our decision and follow through to obtain a formal loan agreement that will insure PAAM provides adequate insurance and responsible, professional transport of the works. She will also discuss the possibilities of PAAM providing us with better slides of these two paintings so we can use them for purposes of reproduction. Neva agreed to explore getting large format photos to replace the images in Town Hall for the duration of the PAAM exhibition.

II Restoration Work

- Julie reported that work on the Moffett mural has been completed except for installation of the protective Plexiglas covering. She reported that Khristina Bird photographed the murals before, during, and after restoration and she will pursue getting copies of these slides for the Art Commission records.

- Julie also reported that restoration is under way on the L'Engle "Acrobat" painting

and the Kasselau portrait of Frank Days. The next work targeted for restoration is "Expecting Motherhood,- also located at the High School (this painting currently has a piece of black electrical tape over a hole in the canvas.)

111. COA

Rosemary reported that slides will be given to Diane Corbo at the Council on Aging on April 15. Once they decide which works they would like these will need to be cleaned and repaired if necessary before hanging.

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IV. Brochure

Nyla reported she will contact Ewa at Shankpainter Printing to begin work on the brochure again. Julie has agreed to provide all the dates needed within a week so the work can proceed.

IV. Beneker

Rosemary reported that a letter will be submitted to the Board of Selectmen on April 15, 1999, recommending return of the Beneker painting to PAAM.

V. FAWC

Rosemary agreed to contact Hunter O'Hanian at the Fine Arts Work Center to see if he has any further information on their proposed show.

NEW BUSINESS

Heritage Museum

The Town of Provincetown owns a number of valuable pieces of art work, many of which are currently housed in the Heritage Museum. Julie addressed concerns that much of the art in the Heritage was specifically donated to the Heritage Museum (not the Town) and we may have to explore return of work to donors if the Heritage ceases to operate as a museum.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Motion by Julie to approve the minutes of the February 10, 1999 meeting. Second by Rosemary. Unanimous approval.

NEXTMEETING

- The next meeting of the Provincetown Art Commission is tentatively scheduled to take place on Wednesday, May 12, 1998, 5 PM at Town Hall.

(Check Town Hall postings for room location or date change.)

- Nyla made a motion to adjourn. Second by Neva. Unanimous approval.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 PM