



WESTCHESTER COUNTY (NY) CHAPTER
OF
THE LINKS, INCORPORATED
COMMITTEE REPORT FORM

COMMITTEE/FACET NAME: Arts Facet

MEETING DATE AND TIME/ATTENDEES:

Meeting was held via teleconference on Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at 9:00pm

Attendees: Link Lisa Stenson Desamours, Link Ginger McKnight-Chavers, Link Michelle Weston, Link Anika, Link MaryFrances Perkins, Link Priscilla, Link Marilyn Price, Link Louise Quick-Spann, Link Helen Blackwood, Link Sandi Grannum, Link Earlene Cox, Link Priscilla Hambrick-Dixon, Link Kathie Davidson

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

1. Update regarding "In an Arts State of Mind" program in collaboration with the Wartburg & the Clay Arts Center
 1. Link Lisa shared re discussions about having Young Achievers participate in the program as a service project, through which they can earn service hours and through which we can expand the program as an intergenerational program that spans facets. Link Earlene indicated that she suggested this and spoke to STY members at the recent chapter meeting and is awaiting response.
 2. Link Earlene received an estimate from the Clay Art Center and submitted a proposal to the Wartburg to do a bench mural project instead of a wall mural. The estimate for the project was approximately \$1300, and it is proposed that the bench will be placed in front of a koi pond and will be made to look like the inside of the pond. She expects to speak with contacts at the Wartburg this week re their acceptance & funding of the project.
 3. This year's In an Arts State of Mind participants are a higher functioning group of approximately 12 seniors and 5-6 Link volunteers. During their session earlier this month they made vases that they will glaze in December.
 4. The Clay Art Center party/friendship activity will now take place on Friday, December 8 at 7:00pm.
2. Romare Bearden exhibition tour @ Neuberger - ITS L.I.F.E. students from Woodlands.
 1. Link MaryFrances has coordinated with ITS and has planned two student tours of the Neuberger Museum's Romare Bearden exhibition on 12/15 and 12/21/17. The first tour will be comprised of two art classes from Woodlands (including some L.I.F.E. students) and the second will be comprised entirely of L.I.F.E. students. The activities will include a docent-led tour as well as an interactive art activity, in which the students will make collages inspired by the artwork while viewing the exhibition. Link MaryFrances has arranged free bus transportation, lunch at the museum and admission fee. If there is time after lunch, the students will glue their collages outside of the galleries and visit another exhibition on the third floor, along with an artist meeting.
 2. Link MaryFrances put together a powerpoint presentation regarding Bearden which, along with materials provided in advance by the Neuberger, will be shared with the students in advance of the tour.
 3. A question was raised regarding whether additional students could be accommodated from other schools. It is not possible currently, because of limitations on tour size due to the number of docents currently assigned. The only way to do so would be to inquire with the museum regarding obtaining another docent and determine whether the other school groups would be available on the same day (as tour slots are no longer available). Link MaryFrances communicated that it may not be possible to obtain free bus transportation, lunch and fees for additional groups, so ITS would have to be able to finance any additional expenses.

3. Romare Bearden exhibition tour as chapter friendship activity
 1. If the chapter would like to organize a tour of the exhibition as a friendship activity, there is not much time left to organize an event, as the exhibition closes in December. We will inquire at the upcoming Executive Committee meeting as to whether there are any suggested Friday evening dates for Arts Facet to propose to the Neuberger Museum.
4. Other ideas for Arts Activities or Interactive Art Workshops for students
 1. We again discussed organizing an interactive art activity in connection with the Schomburg Museum's Black Power exhibitions – though the main exhibition closes December 30, a related "Power in Print" exhibition including posters and other art of the Black Power movement will remain on view until March 31, 2018. We will reach out to ITS or STY to determine interesting in our coordinating an activity for their students, preferably an interactive experience. Link Marilyn mentioned that we may request access to related works and archives at the Schomburg as well.
 2. Link Ginger mentioned the upcoming film "Mudbound" as a possible theater experience for students and will obtain more information regarding the film and its release.
5. CTA: Classics Through the Ages (national)
 1. We discussed the materials provided by national and discussed during a recent webinar regarding arts facet and the chapter making the Classics Through the Ages (CTA) arts education and mentoring program part of our program portfolio. This will involve selecting a classical arts discipline of focus, identifying student participants and a cultural institution with whom we would partner. Link Lisa reached out to Link Jackie, who indicated that ITS would be interested in working with us, and that she would help us connect with Woodlands HS, Gorton HS and Mt Vernon HS. Link Anika volunteered to work with Link Jackie going forward to explore our chapter's involvement in CTA and get back to the facet regarding ideas and potential partner organizations by our December meeting so that the program can be implemented in January. Link Ginger will follow up with information regarding necessary forms and deadlines.
6. Poster Arts Competition (national)
 1. Link Lisa coordinated the following Link Sisters to assist Arts Facet in identifying students and participating in the National Poster Arts Competition:
 1. **National Poster Arts Competition:**
 2. Joyce Mills-Kittrell - NRHS
 3. Mary Frances Perkins - Woodlands HS
 4. Tahira DuPree Chase - Woodlands HS
 5. Mary Spells - Woodlands HS
 6. Jackie Boucher - Woodlands HS, Gorton HS, Mount Vernon HS
 7. Barbara Gundy - Woodlands HS, Gorton HS, Mount Vernon HS
 8. Earlene Cox - NRHS
 9. Kathie Davidson - NRHS
 10. Karen Hill - NRHS
 2. Link Ginger will connect with the Eastern Area Arts Committee regarding materials from their recent webinar and deadlines/forms, as neither Link Ginger nor the other facet member who attempted to participate in the webinar were able to receive audio of the presentation.
 3. Link Helen agreed to be the liaison between Arts Facet and the chapter volunteers from the other facets who are identifying and coordinating the students.
7. Young Master Writers Competition (national)
 1. Link Lisa coordinated the following Link Sisters to assist Arts Facets in identifying potential student participants.
 1. **Young Master Writers Competition:**
 2. Joyce Mills-Kittrell - NRHS
 3. Tahira DuPree Chase - Woodlands HS
 4. Mary Frances Perkins - Woodlands HS
 5. Jackie Boucher - Woodlands HS, Gorton HS, Mount Vernon HS
 2. Link Helen agreed to be the liaison between Arts Facet and the other facets with regard to the writers competition as well as the poster arts competition.

8. Philadelphia or Delaware trip coordinated by STY
 1. We have no updates yet as to STY's plans for a student trip. It was indicated that they are still waiting for a response from New Rochelle High School, though if the trip takes place, STY does intend to include a museum visit as part of the trip.
 2. It was communicated that an important factor in determining whether or not the trip will go forward is insurance. We will inquire for updates regarding the status of the trip at the next Executive Committee meeting.
9. Broadway play or musical
 1. Link Priscilla volunteered to inquire regarding obtaining student group tickets for The Lion King, following up on the suggestion made by Link MaryFrances during our previous arts facet meeting to combine the show with a mask-making activity for the students that participate in the activity. Link Anika mentioned that the timing of seeing The Lion King may be good, in anticipation of the live action movie that is scheduled to be released in 2019. Link Marilyn suggested that we might also inquire about having a costume designer speak to the students, given that this is such a highlight of the show. Link Lisa indicated that there is a Link from Greater Hudson Valley chapter who plans theater outings who may be able to advise us.
 2. Link Sandi offered to inquire about the availability and cost of student tickets to Hamilton on Broadway.
10. Art Beat – Link Louise volunteered to prepare an Art Beat for the 12/2 chapter meeting.

ITEMS REQUIRING DISCUSSION AT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING:

1. Proposed dates for Romare Bearden exhibition friendship activity to present to the Neuberger
2. Details of STY student trip to Philadelphia or Delaware

ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION AT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING:

None

MOTIONS FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER: (Please fill out the Motion form and provide a copy to the Recording Secretary)

None

Meeting was adjourned at 10:05pm; Next meeting will be December 12, 2017, 9:00pm.

Submitted by: Ginger McKnight-Chavers

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