

2023.02.16 Arts and Inspiration Team Minutes

Meeting attendance: Wendy Miller Olapade, Charlene, Jackie, Ben, Sue

Ben Jacques, Susan D'Arcy Fuller, Christy Miller, Katie Willis, Jackie Kerstner, Joanna Ostrander

1. Check in - where have you experienced [Migration](#)
 2. Update on [Sanctuary Discernment Process](#)
 3. **Arts and Inspiration Theme (Spring/Summer 2023)**
 - a. [IAmMigration](#)
 - b. [February Installation: Peter Balantine \(immigrant faith\) Lynn: "City of God"](#)
 - i. His installation can stay for a while
 - ii. Sacred Places
 - iii. Public Faith
 - iv. Feb 10 - REception and reflections - 10 people in attendance (5) of ours, (5) Peter's; effective mashup of reception, artist talk (theses for grant), and ArtChurch dialogue
 - c. Next Show - Art from Immigrants - May/June Installation
 - i. Work out the mechanics of how we receive the art
 - ii. RIM & Malden ILCenter - Call for Art open to the end of March
 1. Discussion about how to have "show" with many artists
 2. Maybe a "Fluency Fair", w/artists at work and people move around the room; artists sharing inspiration?
 3. Maybe they will have art at the school after show
 4. Depending on how much art submitted; Maybe need for multiple installations
 - iii. Add an Open Call to Medford and others... so that we have plenty of art
 - iv. We have (21) 11x14 frames
 - v. Ben also has 10 frames of the same size
 - vi. How do we public call - Haitian, Director of Diversity, Tufts Community, WMCC, High School ELL, Medford Arts, CACHE, Restaurants, Health Department Community ICCM, Other Faith Community
 - d. Lakota Youth Stay Week - July 16 - 22, maybe July 19
 - e. I Have a Migration Story
 - f. Need partners who care about the themes to get people into the room, for example: Compost/Earth Day Show - see notes below for suggestions
- Pursue Artists:
- i. Compost Muse in May (Earth Day) Lyn Swett Miller
<https://www.lynswettmiller.com/>
 - ii. Ben will follow up with Refugee orgs

- g. what if we also incorporate Peter's art in the Hillside service? Would he be willing for us to show the pics on the screen in a time of contemplation/discussion, similar to what we've done with art in the past at Hillside.

4. **Reception and ArtChurch Combined**

5. **Gallery - More Artists/Art Ideas**

- a. Carlos Aoun = Lebanese UCC Minister in Discernment
- b. Sue: Photographer - Immigrant Farmers (landowners); Eric Jacobs and Dena Ruddick Jacobs; Black Farmers, restitution, land, movement to get people back to their farms, federal money, programs... land, food chain,
- c. Sue: [Lyn Swett Miller](#) - photographer - beautiful compost; amazing speaker – we have been damaging the earth now we are giving back to the earth; passion and inspiration from recycling, urban gardening movement big in Boston and Lynn, partners like Grace and City staff who care about climate change...
- d. Sue: Photographer - interiors of sacred spaces (diverse religions) Prepandemic
- e. Sue: Gallery Arlete Caophus – Kathy could help us find people to bring to gallery; Michael Dowling. Worked with over 500 artists
- f. <https://www.lgbtasyllum.org/>
- g. [Refugee artisans of Worcester](#)
- h. [Yelimane Fall](#) (via Jennifer Yanco) Senegalese

6. **[Consignment of Fine Art Law](#)**: check on this

7. **Spoken Word**

- a. **Series of Spoken Word/Poets with Writing Workshop** – Play around by doing something in the vein of....try your hand at...take away the mystique of only poets can do it.
Terry Carter – reading, workshop, something to bring use of the space?
Other friends of Terry
Molly Froelich (Haiku)
Lenten Devotional
- b. [Ravi Shankar](#) (Tufts Prof, Writer, Poet) - already said interested!!
Book Reading/Study - Memoir: [Correctional](#) (Justice, Race, etc)
- c. [Other Tufts Professors](#)
- d. Grub Street - Anne Moore

8. **Experience Art**

- a. **SoulCollage®**
Feb 04 – 10 participants
April 29 - 5th session
- b. Your Migration Collage - when??
- c. What about other Experience Art ideas? Team will continue to imagine and let's get back to this!

9. **How can we connect our theme to a community service opportunity?**

- a. We will watch for opportunities and Ben will check with Malden organizations

10. Faith and Film

- a. March 3 - The Swimmers
- b. Next Family Film - can we do something that reflects an immigrants journey
- c. “Stateless” - drama; six part series -immigration from southeast asia - detention camp set in Australia; 6 sessions

11. Any future for Pop Up?

12. Arts and Inspiration Wall on Website

- a. On Website - pending for all to make recommendations? Working on that.
- b. Been including in Newsletter – via Blog Posts (Ben’s story, etc)

Next Meeting, March 16, 2023, 6:30 PM. [Zoom Link is here.](#)