

2022.12.15 Report to Arts and Inspiration Team

Meeting attendance: Wendy Miller Olapade, Ben Jacques, Susan D'Arcy Fuller

1. **Sanctuary Discernment:** Reviewed Committee of Whole (LC) plan for Discernment process beginning January - future of Sanctuary; use of space/cost of space, possible use of Hillside basement for gallery art, film, etc.; closure, merger, etc.
2. **Arts and Inspiration Theme for the next season** – need a “tag line” for PR that encompasses the following (next six months)
 - a. **About the Theme:**
 - i. German/Mennonite– mein woher (where I am coming from) and my mein wohin (where I am going); you need to know your woher in order to know your wohin
 - ii. immigration, refugees, what are we immigrating from/to; what are we taking refuge from/for/with/etc? where from? where to?
 - iii. reconnecting to the land we left in the land we now inhabit.
 - iv. This theme aligns with Sanctuary’s discernment as well as humanity’s post pandemic, Liminality?
 - b. **Building an Implementation Plan**
 - i. Need further brainstorming to get to a “marketable theme”; tag line like “Lasting Look”
 - ii. Peter Balentine (immigrant faith) <https://www.peterbalentine.com>
 - 1.
 2. Fun, funky, hardscrabble,
 3. Grant to develop the work further
 - iii. Additional Artists:
 1. Compost Muse in May (Earth Day) Lyn Swett Miller
<https://www.lynswettmiller.com/>
 2. Ben following-up with Refugee orgs (RIM and
 - iv. Implementation/Schedule - Ben will do a proposed first draft based on tonight's discussion and work with WMO to consider a draft
 1. [Brainstorm Theme and Schedule Document](#)
 2. [Brainstorm Theme Poster](#) - Cool!!
 - a. Need to pull together with Sanctuary font/colors?
 - b. Ideas for infinity and or greater than/less than images
 - c. Gallery @ Sanctuary logo to frame and as host top of page



- d.
- v. Potentially Kick off with Belfast Film Jan 27 (need to change to February 3); and begin to invite folk back for reception/circle writers workshop
- vi. Need partners who care about the themes to get people into the room, for example: Compost/Earth Day Show - see notes below for suggestions

3. Gallery - Artists/Art

- a. Carlos Aoun = Lebanese UCC Minister in Discernment
- b. [RIM](#) – Rev. Ruth (ben worked with her at ESL Program); talked with ideas
- c. Immigrant Learning Center (Malden) education and advocacy; reached out to director of communications
- d. 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,
- e. 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...
- f. Sue: Photographer - interiors of sacred spaces (diverse religions) Prepandemic
- g. Sue: Pastor Peter Ballantyne: a grant for Lynn immigrants - how communities express their faith; interesting look
- h. Sue: Gallery Arlete Caophus – Kathy could help us find people to bring to gallery; Michael Dowling. Worked with over 500 artists
- i. <https://www.lgbtasyllum.org/>
- j. [Refugee artisans of Worcester](#)
- k. [Yelimane Fall](#) (via Jennifer Yanco) Senegalese

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

5. 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.
 - i. Terry Carter – reading, workshop, something to bring use of the space?
 - ii. Other friends of Terry

- iii. Molly Froelich
- iv. Lenten Devotional
- b. [Ravi Shankar](#) (Tufts Prof, Writer, Poet)
 - i. Book Reading/Study - Memoir: [Correctional](#) (Justice, Race, etc)
- c. [Other Tufts Professors](#)

6. Experience Art

- a. **SoulCollage®**
 - i. 14 registrants (5 last minute cancellations) Saturday, Oct 15 (1 – 4 pm) with Suzanne O’Neil facilitator; meditation, quiet music, making cards in response to a spiritual question
 - ii. Dec 03 – 12 onsite, 2 online
 - iii. Feb 04 – move to Hillside space and allow for more participants (Feb11 snowdate); registration link will be added here next week
- b. What about other Experience Art ideas? Please propose and let’s get back to this!

7. Faith and Film

- a. Oct 08 - Encanto
- b. Nov 04 – Mrs Harris Goes to Paris
- c. December 10 – Family – Jingle Jangle
- d. Jan 27 (WMO conflict) change to Feb 03 – Belfast (1hr 37 min)
- e. Feb TBD - Family
- f. Additional films under consideration through the newsletter referrals: Elvis, how can we do Ted Lasso?

8. **Projector is Broken** - should we buy a new one given the uncertain future of space?

9. Any future for Pop Up?

10. Arts and Inspiration Wall

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