

CAG Meeting Minutes: Wednesday, July 21, 2021

Attendance: Pat Alger, Millie Robinson, Mary Ellen Brownell, Bridget Moar, Yvonne Loey, Barbara Moreland, Betty Medwedeff, Bette Sindzinski, Bill Schaaf, Michele Browne, Maile Ogasawara

Community Arts update - Maile

Ice Rink will be returning this year. Construction starts on October 25, and will run through early February. Management will work with city regarding different parking possibilities but do not have definitive plans. More info to come.

Parking stickers will be available for fall session. For those needing more than 3 hours during the summer session, it was suggested they move car after each class/open studio session.

Holiday Sale will take place for two days. Saturday, December 4th, 10:00 – 5:00. Sunday, December 5th, 10:00 – 3:00. Loading on Friday, December 3rd. Limited staffing is affecting plans, will be a smaller sale, possibly in the auditorium only. Impending issues with new variant might limit participants. Maile will update details in August.

Question was asked regarding virtual classes for future sessions. Instructor participation will determine future classes on line.

Possible pop up sale being considered for December in Shadelands with Santa Clause event.

Studio Update (Takemi not in attendance for meeting)

Walnut Creek Downtown Presents: “Arts Around August”

August 7. Will have pop up sale along with event. Several CAG members to participate in sale. Pat will order more tents for participants.

Trunk or Treat: CAG will not participate in the event this year.

Gas Kiln. Cargo carrying kiln suffered a fire. Insurance will inspect for damage. If damaged, it will be returned to Sweden. More info to come. Kiln to be installed by contractors with staff member from Community Arts in presence. Contractors will also train staff members after installation.

Studio Assistant: Takemi to interview a couple of candidates. Position will be filled for fall quarter.

Registration will take place on August 11th, 2021. Fall classes starts on September 7, 2021.

Finance- Bill Schaaf

Revenue from membership dues fell due to less participants. Discussed possible suggestions to regain members. Suggestions included ways to make the studio more appealing to younger/new students. Ways to showcase what the studio offers with reusable materials that can be brought out for special events. Pat will speak to Nicole for her suggestions. Any enhancements to the studio will be postponed until fall session. Possible second kiln donation in 2022.

Meals On Wheels- Barbara Moreland

Donations were used as prizes for Bingo event and the Bag Grocery Program. MOW would prefer smaller pieces. Barbara will wait to request for donations until after the Empty Bowls preparations.

Empty Bowls Project

Event will take place this year in the fall. CAG will donate all bowls available due to request from EB coordinator. Prior events requested 150 bowls. Request for bowls have been sent to CAG members. Bowls need to be completed-fired by first week in August. Pat will discuss with Mona to coordinate dates for volunteers to help with finishing/glazing bowls.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00p.m.