

**Education and Outreach Committee Minutes**

Tuesday, January 12, 2021

Virtually via Zoom hosted by The Government Channel

Present:

Carolyn Lewis, Co-Chairperson  
Cheryl Prusinski, Co-Chairperson  
Rose Dikis  
Samorra Dower  
Cheryl Prusinski  
jw Smith  
Paige Fuentes (ASL Interpreter)

Absent: Claire Gysegem

**CALL TO ORDER**

Carolyn Lewis called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. and thanked Cheryl for accepting the position of Committee Co-Chairperson. Carolyn read the Commission's Mission Statement.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS SHARE**

Committee member described any concerns, successes, helpful hints, and life events.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

October 13, 2020 minutes

Motion to approve made by jw; seconded by Cheryl. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Virtual Athena Award Ceremony Review

Consensus: Well done. Carolyn acknowledged Claire for her work.

Calling All Artists

To date: Three expressions of interest – Patty Mitchell, Stacia Davis Moore, and Brian Alloway. (Following the meeting: Inquiries from – Tim Martin, Redtail Design; Luke Howard; and Greta Hanesworth, Shades of Glass.) There was an article in the Messenger and radio spots running on WEAK and WATH/WXTQ.

## NEW BUSINESS

Meeting day and time for 2021 – Will remain second Tuesdays, at 5:00 p.m.

### Discussion:

- Cheryl expressed concern about snow removal in the City. We will forward this concern to the Accessibility Committee. Rose will research the ordinance.
- How are people with disabilities being affected by the pandemic? Isolation? Food? How do we know what services and educational resources are available and how can we, as a Commission, ensure these services are known and needs met? How to get information to the people? Produce short vignettes? News release? Check with the Health Department or Meals on Wheels? What can we reasonably do? Hopefully, we will have a CITL in the near future as a resource.

### *Goals for 2021*

- *Determine if we need to revise any language of the Athena Award criteria*
- *Select a panel from the local art community to select the new Athena Award design*
- *Oversee production of the Award*
- *Continue Oral History Project (conduct at least four additional interviews)*
- *Continue and expand speaking engagements to civic groups and to other organizations to educate about the Commission– Develop a Speakers' Bureau*
- *Expand outreach activities*
- *Produce Seventh Athena Award Ceremony for November*
- *Work with Communications Committee to promote Awards (nomination process and ceremony)*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next meeting Tuesday, February 9, at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom

## ADJOURN

The motion to adjourn was made by Rose; seconded by jw. Motion carried.

Minutes by Carolyn Lewis

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