

**WESTON ART & INNOVATION CENTER
ADVISORY BOARD (Weston AIC-AB)
For the meeting held on
Thursday, March 18th, 2021 – 3:30 PM
Zoom Meeting**

Meeting called to order at 3:33 pm. Minutes taken by Cecily Cassum. Members in attendance:

Present		
P	Cecily Cassum	AIC Board, Chair
P	Joel Angiolillo	AIC Board, Clerk, Treasurer
P	Audrey Pepper	AIC Board
P	John Thompson	AIC Board
	Lee McCanne	AIC Board
P	Jenn Warner	Weston Public Library
P	Alli Palmgren	Weston Public Library
	Susan Brennan	Member of the Public
	Nathan Suher	Weston Media Center ED
P	Jean Arturi	AIC Manager
P	Debbi Darling	Friends of Weston Public Library

Minutes of the 2/18/21 meeting were approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Status from Manager Jean Arturi

In-person classes are going well. The butterfly wreath class and sashiko stitching class were both big hits. The Japanese knotbag class is coming soon. The sewing teacher has been very well received and is very successful. John Thompson is teaching 3 printmaking workshops soon. Amy Sedarski will be teaching a series of 4 classes on drawing self portraits. Audrey and Jean are meeting with a filmmakers collaborative to discuss teen programming for the summer. John has referred a new potential printmaking teacher who might be ready to teach in the summer. Jean is also meeting with a storytelling production company to see if they might be a good candidate to take over the storytelling programming.

Rental inquiries continue to trickle in. Jean has penciled in several dates. She is also meeting with a representative from East Meets West Catering who is prepared to offer feedback on getting more rentals. Now that the window sills have been cleaned the room is more photogenic.

The Friends have removed their books from the Reading Room. They still have several carts with DVDs, etc. Jean will ask them to remove them prior to our spring cleaning, which is scheduled for April 10th.

The first of the three Speaker Series on Building Bridges is tonight. There are 40 people registered. Jean and Audrey had advertised in many channels to create interest, including through the MFA. It was also supported by the WCC and the Friends.

Interview Questions for Board Candidates: The board debated the questions that had been submitted to Cecily. It settled on a final set of 8 questions.

Laser Cutter: We have several interested buyers for the laser cutter. They are making low ball offers. The board agreed that a price of \$1,500 was our lowest acceptable price. Cecily will try to finalize a sale for that price.

Other business:

Jennifer and Julie Panagakos have worked with Chris Houston to finally get our signs developed. The design has been sent to the DPW, who is going to fabricate it. Cecily asked whether we want to acquire a new set of banners that would be colorful 'standard' signs (as opposed to announcing an event). The board agreed that standard signs would be good to have. Audrey offered to ask Concord Art where they buy their banners.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 18th at 3:30 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:57 pm.