

MINUTES OF THE ARTS EDUCATION AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE
HELD ON OCTOBER 17, 1994

PRESENT: Michael Dittmer, Susan Orr, Sandra Yee, Kathy Carlisle, James Chavez Glica
ABSENT: Terry Givens, Wayne Cook, Ron Cook
STAFF: Victoria Plata, Alpha Bruton, Michelle Walker

- I. CALL TO ORDER: At the hour of 4:00 the meeting was called to order.
- II. MINUTES APPROVED: The minutes of August 15, 1994 were approved. New Committee Members were introduced: James Chavez Glica and (Ron Cook in absentia) and Neighborhood Arts Consultant, Alpha Bruton.
- III. ACTION ITEMS: NONE.
- IV. DISCUSSION:

A. Restructuring of the Arts Education and Outreach Program

The program will be grouped into two different areas: Arts Education and the Neighborhood Arts Program. Attached to each committee members agenda was a program list that Alpha reviewed. The Neighborhood Arts programs will be coordinated by Alpha. The Mural Program will be divided into districts in the Sacramento community and funded in part through the California Arts Council for 5 resident artists. Late Night Sacramento is now under Neighborhood and Community Programs, as well as the YEA! program, although this will be a joint project with Victoria. Alpha will be working with Social Service agencies in collaboration with the arts components under the Healthy Start Arts Program in elementary schools. The Technical Assistance Program will hold a Mural Summit in the spring of '95 and do several workshops with artists on various legal issues. Victoria and Alpha will be developing a process for artists applying for outreach programs, such as Arts in the Schools, a artist registry for referrals and conducting a needs assesment for artists. The ad hoc committee will assist consultants in reviewing, formulating the packet together.

B. Alamo Student Art Gallery

The Alamo Student Art Gallery is scheduled to open November 1 at the Alamo airport. The children's art will be from Sacramento County Schools. Four schools will exhibit per month with 10 works per school. The art expresses abstract and figurative interpretation about music through the mediums of oil pastels, pencils and water colors. All work is 2 dimensional. The art work will be framed and hung in a professional manner in terminals 1 and 2 of the airport. The sponsors are Alamo Rent-A-Car and the airport. Victoria has been working with a curator, Katie Thomas from the Hunter-Weintraub Gallery, who is mounting the exhibit. The opening reception for the student artists and guests will be December 4, 1-3:00 o'clock. In November and December one high school, one junior high school, and two elementary schools will have their art displayed. In June the Arts Education and Outreach Program will be working in conjunction with the Sacramento Children's Festival in exhibiting some of the children's art work from the Alamo Student Galleries.

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C. Rap Opera - McClatchy High School

The Arts Education & Outreach Program is producing a HIV play (3 vignettes with music) at McClatchy High School about situations teenagers get themselves into with a one half hour UC Davis Medical Center panel that will answer questions on AIDS. The show will be open discussion to the public on November 9, December 2 for the school, and on December 1 be part of World AIDS Day at the California State University, Sacramento.

V. New Business

- A. Technical Assistance. Michelle recommended to the Arts Education and Outreach Committee that they develop training programs for artists to enhance teaching skills. Metro Arts could contract artist(s) to teach the workshops if necessary.
- B. Question. New committee member, James Glica, asked how children may gain more from art in schools other than art being just an activity. Suggestions by the committee were to have a showcase night when the artist residencies are working in the schools and show parents the artwork of their children. Have an outreach component where parents are involved. Have a support system made up of parents, teachers, art instructors, and community involvement playing a role in developing the child and the purpose of art. Emphasize the whole process, not just the art. Bring in all the human dynamics of the making of art.
- C. Art Therapy Program. California State University, Sacramento is presently discontinuing the Art Therapy Masters Program. Organizations that recognize the importance of an Art Therapy Program are group homes, hospice, correction facilities, and the San Juan School District. The Art Therapy Program will be an enormous loss to the community.
- E. Cultural Resource Directory. Sandra Yee asked if a form had been created for the artists that will be interviewed for the Cultural Resource Directory. Victoria and Alpha are currently researching other states on the methods and resources used to solicit artists and how to get organizational sponsorships and programs for outreach education programs.

VI. Public Discussion: None

VII. The meeting was adjourned at the hour of 5:15 pm.