

Notes from AWDA meeting, Wednesday, January 12, 2005

Location: 3121 Pillsbury Av S., Minneapolis

Host & Facilitator: Suzanne Byrne

Present: Suzanne Byrne, Terry Mayer, Tara Innmon, Faye Buffington-Howell, Craig Dunn, Chris Osgood, Gail Burke, Monique Bourgerie

All introduced themselves and shared items with the group. Suzanne spoke of her current housing situation; Tara is up to 9<sup>th</sup> Grade in creating her personal memoir; Faye spoke about her new visual artwork and some things going on at Stevens Square; Craig mentioned that he was excited about his new digital piano; Chris talked about Springboard's Jan. 22 workshop on health insurance for artists at Intermedia Arts; Terry talked about all the new work she was doing.

Interest in participating in upcoming art shows

Chris will see if Springboard could sponsor AWDA during the April 22-23 Art Crawl in St. Paul. Would look to VSA arts of MN to co-host the reception on Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Tara will be the contact for the group.

Terry stated that the Powderhorn Art Fair is the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend of August and that she would investigate what might be possible for the AWDA group to enter. She will also check into whether AWDA might participate in Art-A-Whirl in early May in NE Minneapolis.

Terry also spoke of a workshop being presented on Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> at St. Joan of Arc. She will contact Jon if it looks feasible for the group to participate.

Monique said Deb Costandine would like to do a hat-making workshop and tea party for the AWDA March gathering. She has an accessible space at a St. Paul library near Deb's home.

Tara will offer her Dream Sculpture AWDA workshop in April. She needs to find a source for modeling clay for the workshop. Craig will check with Northern Clay Center.

Craig spoke about VSA's need to not have Jon being the primary go-to person for email notices, arrangements, post cards, note-taking, etc. He also said that some type of mechanism needs to be worked out for the group to create a small operating fund. This could be through a small membership fee or something else. He offered a voice-mail box at VSA arts of Minnesota (612-332-3888, ext. 4) to serve as a place people can leave a message if they want to be a part of the group. He will make arrangements for Suzanne to have access to the voicemail box in the next week so that she can publicize the meetings to residents in her building without having to give out her own phone number. There was then some discussion about how members of the group could take on some of the responsibilities that

Jon/VSA arts of Minnesota has been doing. Further discussions will be had on raising an operating fund for the group.

A few final items:

Meeting announcements should be a little less condensed on the page to make for easier reading.

Meeting attendees at this location should park in the smaller, employee lot which is right next to the large resident lot, both of which are just south of the residence with an entrance off Pillsbury.

Next AWDA meeting will be on Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> (Ash Wednesday) at the same location. Terry will be notetaker and Faye will bring art to show.