

MINUTES OF THE APD COMMITTEE MEETING September 10, 2014 (12:05pm, WBLH)

STAFF REPORT

Dianne Stephens updated the docents on the following:

The POV tour will now be listed as "Artist's Choices", a title that better describes the content of the tour.

Staff will also be updating the descriptions of our tours on the website for the same purpose. Dianne would like to offer "Artist's Choices" on the weekends as well, and asked for docents who would be willing to be in a focus group looking at the POV tour before Dianne and Liz move ahead with training the APW's on that tour.

The WBHL tour will remain on the schedule for Oct. Dianne is considering the possibility of moving it in November to the 11:30 time slot so as not to coincide directly with the morning school tours.

A committee of Staff, and Adult Program Chairs and Vice-Chairs, is drafting a Roles and Responsibilities document specific to the Adult program. When finalized, it will be included with our new Volunteer Guidelines which were approved by the Docent Council last spring.

The Volunteer Lounge is being renovated. The furniture will be removed this week (September 10) for reupholstering. New carpeting, freshly painted walls, new lockers that require a 4-digit passcode - not keys, and a new printer are on the way. There will also be improved workspace and better shelving for our reference books.

The new EB "Dialogues" tour is receiving very interesting and positive comments from Visitors on the Visitor Evaluation Form provided at the Information Desk. Dianne reminded us to please fill out the Docent Self-Reflection form following your tour and either leave at the desk or email to Dianne. The numbers for the tours have not been great – generally 3 or 4 guests. The gallery did create a trailblazer. Dianne asked us to stop by the information desk when you get to the gallery to remind the Information Volunteers of your tour. Docents are also encouraged to look for guests in the lobby and invite them to join your tour. It has been hard to convey that the atrium is open but the galleries are closed.

Drawing Salon registration has changed. You must now register on line. Previously you could register 30 minutes before the session.

The Henry Moore conservation work will continue through October. The work is on schedule.

Volgistics is sending out emails to remind us about our tours. Please remember to put your tour numbers into the system following your tours.

Dianne welcomes more docents to validate for the EB tour. Dianne hopes to offer this tour on additional weekdays and also on Saturdays. There are currently 27 validated docents for this tour.

Docents are encouraged to get validated for Glimpses and Dialogues tours. There is no preference- just get validated.

Large crowds are anticipated for the September 21st lecture by Ursula von Rydingsvard. The lecture will be held in the atrium at 2pm.

The Fall Coffee will be held Wednesday, September 17th at 9am in the Cascade Cafe. The coffee will be followed by a lecture by David Gariff on Renaissance Portraits.

Dianne wants all of the docents to know that she has an "open door" policy. Feel free to call or email when needed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Olga Kushnir reported a balance of \$609.36 Dues for the coming year are \$30.00 Check are to made out to: NGA Adult Docent Program

Please send your checks to Olga Kushnir, 11500 Foxclove Road, Oakton, VA 22124.

SECRETARY REPORT

The minutes were emailed to all. There were no additions or corrections.

CHAIR REPORT

Dianne Maffia called for reports from the following subcommittees:

BOOK GROUP

Betty Sullivan reported the Book Club will meet Thursday, October 23rd

At 10:30am at the home of Jill Brett. Jill's address is 2314 44th Street NW, Washington, DC, 20007. The book is Capital Culture. It is proving to be an interesting read. Betty asked for a volunteer to lead the discussion group. Please call or email Betty by Oct. 10 if you are interested.

ENRICHMENT AND EDUCATION

Dianne Maffia asked for Volunteers who would be willing to coordinate an Education OR Enrichment event this year. It's not necessary to chair either for the year - perhaps you'd like to work with another docent to plan one event.

WINTERTHUR

Dianne Stephens reported that there are still spaces available for the visit to Winterthur. The bus will depart at 7:45am from the NGA. Both School docents and Adult docents are invited to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephenie Frasher, Secretary