

Meeting minutes: NYSATA Region 6 meeting – October 26, 2013

A brief exec meeting was held prior to region meeting; Kathleen Bushek (chair), Carol Pinkans (vice chair), Phyllis Brown (rep), MaryBeth Aldous (treas). The following items from Melanie Painter (secretary) received via email were discussed:

- **Basket raffle at CAAS Career Night:** We agreed to provide a Region 6 basket for raffle at the CAAS Career Night at a cost of up to \$50. Melanie will purchase/put together the basket.
- **“Squishy Circuits”:** Melanie is managing the “squishy circuit” activity at the Friday After Dark Party at the upcoming convention. She is approved to purchase what is needed, anticipated expenditure of \$100, in lieu of the annual \$100 donation for the convention “president’s party” in previous years. Melanie will contact MaryBeth (treasurer) if additional funds are necessary. Carol, Kathleen, and MaryBeth offered to help at the squishy circuit activity as needed.

Region meeting was called to order at 4:40pm; Kathleen (region chair) welcomed attendees.

Treasurer’s report (MaryBeth):

- Current balance of \$8,387.93.
- Treasury reimbursed conference registration for three region members who were the winners of Facebook contest to post images of back to school bulletin boards.
- CAAS registrations are due Friday, with fees due December.
- Motion was made (Carol Pinkans) and seconded (Phyllis Brown) to continue the Facebook contests to encourage region participation, with the specifics at MaryBeth’s discretion. Ideas for future prizes included gift certificates for art supplies, and registration for the NAEA convention. Possible Facebook contest idea could be to post pictures of your name tag, embellished at the Bling Your Badge table at the convention. Motion passed.
- Reminder: send receipts to MaryBeth for reimbursement, using form available on website.

Secretary’s report: No minutes from previous meeting were read, due to absence of Melanie.

Portfolio Project (Kathleen):

- Portfolio adjudication would take place at the Tang at Skidmore this April. Date is pending approval and will be announced when approved.
- Training for new judges will be held in February.
- Discussion of process of photographing adjudication day; possible purchase of camera to accommodate.
- We want to encourage participation in Portfolio Project, and use resources to drum up interest. MaryBeth will create a mailing.

OVA (Olympics of the Visual Arts) (Anne Manzella):

- This is 35th anniversary year.
- Long term projects have been posted on the internet (NYSATA web page)
- OVA will be held April 6th in Saratoga.

Legislative Show (Carol):

- Carol is new chair; Melanie is vice chair. Former chair, Joan Davidson, will be honored for her service.
- February 11 (Sat) is registration check-in at the NYSUT building; help is needed.
- March 24 (Fri) the show will be hung. Help is needed.
- March 29 (Wed) is the opening reception, and tear-down after the reception. Help is needed to stay after reception and help pack up.
- You will receive FREE REGISTRATION if you volunteer in any capacity! Your \$25 fee will be waived.
- Catering for the reception has changed and much improved. Refreshments will be available throughout the reception.
- 308 pieces of art were shown last year.
- Registration is on-line. Register online by January 21. Work should be mailed/postmarked by January 21st.
- Participants are encouraged to arrange to meet their assemblyman/senator. Phenomenal partnership with the legislature; excellent ADVOCACY!

CAAS (Capital Area Art Supervisors) (Anne):

- CAAS had kickoff.
- Art and Design Career Night is November 8 on the St. Rose campus in the evening.
- 15-20 area schools will participate, sending advanced art students to hear from presenters representing creative careers. There is a keynote speaker.
- Upcoming events include a juried exhibition at Sage, and a 3-D show at Mohonasen. A calendar of CAAS events will be sent to Phyllis to post on the NYSATA website Region 6 page.

Upcoming convention in Albany:

- Anne will take care of getting food/beverages for the hospitality party.
- Kathleen will secure a room for the hospitality party.
- Melanie and Anne will create a region basket for the basket raffle.
- Squishy Circuits activity is being handled by Melanie as per exec meeting minutes.
- Bling Your Badge table is again being managed by our region (Phyllis). Kathleen will check for materials in storage and Phyllis will purchase what is needed, such as hot glue, jewels, etc.

Region Art Educator Award (Kathleen):

- Discussion of the requirements. Award should go to someone who is a dedicated member of NYSATA and involved in NYSATA/Region activities.
- Nomination deadline is April 1st. All paperwork, including resume for nominee, must be submitted by April 1st, so nominees need to be notified that their resume is needed in timely manner.

CTLE (Continuing Teacher and Leader Education; formerly Professional Development):

- NYSATA is a CTLE provider, which means our region is a CTLE provider, under the NYSATA umbrella.

Region Liaisons & STEAM Team (Kathleen):

- Liaisons from various parts of our region are wanted to increase involvement, and plan region activities in their area. Several people have expressed interest in becoming liaisons. Katie Stanley, teacher in Lansingburg, will be eastern liaison.
- Krista Gillis will represent private school teachers
- Other liaisons are pending.
- Katie will also serve on STEAM Team with Kathleen. Theme is “Show us Your STEAM”.

Advocacy Blog (Phyllis):

- Phyllis has developed an Advocacy blog in her role on the NYSATA board’s Advocacy Committee. The blog is called The Artful Advocate and can be found at <http://artfuladvocate.blogspot.com/>. You are encouraged to regularly visit the blog.
- Region members are encouraged to email Phyllis with articles/ideas for future posts, including stories about things you have done to advocate for your program, or stories about former students who have had successes as a result of their participation in your art program, or links to articles, videos, and more, or simple tips, or.... ?

Lesson Share, Trick-or-Treat:

- Attendees were asked to bring mask lessons to share, and/or trick-or-treat items. Tim from Catholic Central (sorry no last name in my minutes; who took the attendance sheet? I don’t have it) shared a fun lesson (self-portraits with moving eyes) from his digital photo class. Other lessons were brought on paper to share. Attendees loaded up on Halloween goodies and the meeting was adjourned.