

ARLIS/NA Twin Cities Chapter Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2002

pARTs Photographic Arts Gallery

In attendance (13):

Mary Diane Bass – MIA

Suzanne Degler – MCAD

Mary Ellen Johnson – Walker

Stephanie Kays – Walker

Janice Lurie - MIA

Rebecca Moss – University of Minnesota

Jennifer Nodes - MIA

Alysia Peich - MCAD

Martha Ruddy – Walker

Marcelyn Sletten – Minneapolis Public Library

Kay Streng – MCAD

Deborah Ultan - University of Minnesota

Jill Vetter - Walker

We arranged to meet at the pARTs Gallery at 9:30. After everyone managed to arrive and get parked properly (it had recently snowed and we were under a snow emergency), George Slade gave us tour of “Roger Mertin: In Minnesota, 1991-2001”. One of the highlights were selections from the ‘Library Project’, a group of photographs documenting Carnegie libraries that Roger had photographed while traveling between Minnesota and New York. Another group included some photos from the “Tree Stories” series. George provided us with many insights into the background and creative process of Roger’s work.

Rebecca Moss called the meeting to order at 10:45. The first item of business was to elect Alysia Peich Chair. There was little discussion and the motion passed unanimously. We then discussed possible candidates for Chair-Elect. Jennifer Nodes agreed to serve in this capacity.

Membership renewal forms were passed out. We recently increased the dues to \$10.00.

The discussion then turned to reaching out to other librarians who might be interested in joining the ARLIS/TC chapter. Suggestions included the Arboretum, public libraries, local universities including St. Thomas, Macalester, and St. Catherine’s. The State Historical Society has not been interested in the past, but maybe it is time to approach them again.

The Chapter Basket for the Silent Auction at the conference was the next item of business. It was decided that Alysia and Deborah Ultan would be in charge. Some more suggestions for a theme were solicited including artist’s books, homemade crafts and selections from our local book presses. It is likely that Alysia, Deborah and Rebecca will be attending the conference, so they will arrange for transportation of the basket to St. Louis.

Janice Lurie discussed her arrangement with H.W.Wilson to gain access to their online catalogs for a month. These included Artquest, the Design and Applied Arts Index and Art Full Text. Some of the full text articles had been re-keyed and re-numbered which created some problems for correct citations, but the newer articles being added were PDF images of the original, which made them more accurate. Getting the best price through consortial purchasing of these and other resources will continue to be a priority for many of our libraries and museums.

We adjourned at 12:00 and many of us continued on to 'It's Greek to Me' for a very enjoyable lunch.

Respectfully submitted by Rebecca A. Moss