

ARLIS/NA Twin Cities Chapter
Fall Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 5, 2014, 5:30pm-6:30pm
Hennepin County Library--Walker Library

In attendance (8):

Jessica Shaykett, Chair – American Craft Council
Shannon Klug, Vice Chair – University of Minnesota
Bailey Diers, Secretary/Treasurer – Hennepin County Library
Dulcey Heller – American Craft Council & Hennepin County Library
Margit Wilson – Walker Art Center
Katy Vonk – Midway Contemporary Art Gallery
Karen Dubay – Bethel University
Deborah Ultan Boudewyns – University of Minnesota

Visiting (4):

Erika Hauser
Lindsay Keating
Meg Black
Beth Goodrich

Meeting commenced at 5:35 p.m. following a period of socializing over refreshments.

1) Approval of fall meeting minutes

Bailey Diers, chapter secretary/treasurer, summarized the events of the fall meeting, which was held at Midway Contemporary Art. Minutes were approved by Shannon Klug and seconded by Katy Vonk.

2) Elect new officers

Jessica Shaykett, chapter chair, announced candidates for 2015 chair-elect and secretary/treasurer. Bailey Diers and Margit Wilson were voted into the roles, respectively.

3) E-Payment for Membership Dues

Shannon Klug looked into the possibility of setting up an e-payment system for membership dues. Since we have a checking account, we can set up a PayPal account and members can either pay with credit card or with their own PayPal account. A device to hook on to a smartphone could be purchased as well for payments to be made at meetings. Members agreed setting up e-payment would be worthwhile, but that the additional device would not be needed. Bailey suggested adding a “suggested donation” section as a way to possibly accrue more income. Members agreed this would be a good idea. Steps will be taken to get e-payment set-up before the start of the new year.

4) Local Mentorship Program + MCBA Letterpress Workshop

This fall the Twin Cities Chapter was awarded a \$350 grant to fund a letterpress workshop at the Minnesota Center for Book Arts to launch the local mentorship program. Jessica is a member of the

national internship committee. She announced that the national committee has put together a packet of information to facilitate creation of local mentorship programs. She also put a call out for a chapter liaison to coordinate the local program. The call will be extended to the entire group via email. Once a liaison is selected, steps can be taken to create mentorship applications and pair applicants. Details regarding the MCBA workshop will then be arranged. We plan to hold the event in late February or early March. Additional mentorship events may be held during the year.

5) Winter Book Club

Bailey and others contributed to a brief summary of the summer book club meeting held at Republic 7 Corners in July. The group read "The World to Come" by Dara Horn. A call was put out for winter book club selections (non-fiction). Deborah Boudewyns suggested "Pirates and Farmers: Essays on Taste" by Dave Hickey and Dulcey Heller suggested "The Rockwell Heist" by Bruce Rubenstein. Bailey also provided a list of previous non-fiction titles which had been top selections last winter. A call for titles will be sent out soon. The winter book club will likely be held in February.

6) Meeting Ideas for Spring 2015

Jessica asked for suggestions for a theme and location for the spring meeting. Members like the format of our more recent meetings which have included presentations of some sort after the business meeting. Jessica suggested Pecha Kucha presentations which could be about any topic including projects members are working on, or other library/art-related topics. Lindsay Keating suggested some type of crafting or art-making meeting. Bailey noted that that has been in the talks for the book club meeting. Shannon also reminded us of an earlier book club suggestion to each pick a piece of art to discuss. Jessica suggested it would be fun to do something like that at the MIA, picking a piece from their collection. It was also suggested that discussing an artwork could be a good icebreaker for a business meeting. No final decisions were made regarding a spring meeting topic or location.

The business meeting concluded at 6:15 p.m.

TOUR OF WALKER LIBRARY

Following the meeting, Senior Librarian Maryann Weidt lead us on a tour of the new Walker Library building. Highlights of the tour included testing out the many different chairs, checking out an iPad from the iPad vending machine, and seeing the open/collaborative staff office space.

'ART AND CRAFT' FILM AT EDINA LANDMARK THEATERS

Following the library tour, some members made their way to the Edina Landmark Theaters to see the film *Art and Craft*, a documentary described as "a cat-and-mouse art caper, rooted in questions of authorship and authenticity—but what emerges is an intimate story of obsession and the universal need for community, appreciation, and purpose."

Respectfully submitted,
Bailey Diers