

## Arts Education Committee

March 24, 2022 | 4:00 pm

Attend in person at the Court House Cultural Center or virtually

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87563992258?pwd=WEh1b3p2cm4zUkhkMIFDSi96ZENrUT09>



- I. Welcome & Introductions Tony Anderson and/or Sheryl Levine
- II. Approve Minutes from January 2022 meeting (attached)
- III. Presentation:
  - a. Ria Cooper, Director of Arts Education, Arts & Cultural Alliance of Sarasota County
- IV. New Business:
  - a. Discussion: Arts Partnerships to Explore
    - i. S.T.E.A.M. Programs
    - ii. Professional Development Programs (teachers and artists)
    - iii. Life Long Learning Initiatives
    - iv. Interdisciplinary Programs
- V. Old Business:
  - a. Plein Air Arts Day (April 13) Jennifer Hearn
- VI. Program Updates from Staff
  - a. MartinArts Awards Jennifer Hearn
  - b. Marvin S. Cone High School Juried Art Show Jennifer Hearn
  - c. Strategic Planning Nancy Turrell
  - d. Stuart High School Nancy Turrell
- VII. Announcements
- VIII. Public Comment
- IX. Next Meeting: January 27 (4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, odd months)
- X. Adjourn

### **Committee Members**

Anthony "Tony" Anderson, Martin County School Board Member | Committee Co-Chair

Sheryl Levine | Committee Co-Chair | Arts Council Board Member

Denisha Bonds, Clark Advanced Learning Center

Anita Caswell, Murray Middle School, Drama & Choral program

Tami Conrad, SFHS Art Department

Kimberly Everman, MCSD

Amanda Jones, MCHS, Art Department

Faith Paul, retired professor

Jordan Silvia, artist and art teacher

## ARTS EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

January 27, 2022 | Minutes



Attending: Tony Anderson, Sheryl Levine, Denisha Bonds, Tami Conrad, Kimberly Everman, Amanda Jones, Faith Paul, Jordan Silvia, Nancy Turrell and Jennifer Hearn.

At 4:16PM Tony Anderson called the meeting to order. Members briefly introduced themselves.

The minutes from the November 2021 meeting were approved with a motion by Tami Conrad/Kimberly Everman, motion carried unanimously.

Jennifer Hearn updated the committee on the status of Plein Air Arts Day field trip for high school art students noting that the date was narrowed down to 3/31 or 4/13. Among the artist who have committed are Sheryl Levine and Danuta Rothschild. Discussion ensued about transportation and possible solutions to busing.

The committee members discussed the survey results. After discussion it was agreed to review them again and bring back to the next meeting what stands out as alarming and items that this committee can address. One item noted was consideration for a grant writing workshop for teachers and perhaps offering a group of mentors for teachers to assist with editing their grants to establish a deeper connection with MartinArts. Tami suggested looking at a trading cards event to encourage students from the different schools to meet each other and form new connections.

Amanda Jones noted her students are involved in the Memory Project and are looking at a June deadline.

In discussion about our strategic planning initiatives, Faith Paul asked members to think about how the arts can be used as vehicle of understanding for social issues facing our community. It was suggested that a future professional development day for arts teachers could be directed at helping teachers implement programs to demonstrate to students how the arts meet the needs of humanity. It was further noted that perhaps we could fund a guest speaker who was brought to the schools to lecture about interdisciplinary programs. Faith also mentioned what she learned when in Sarasota on the Cultural Excursion and asked Nancy to reach out to have someone from their team present information to us at the next meeting. The strings program at CLE was also noted as an interest to learn more about.

### Staff Updates:

- MartinArts Awards: nominations are available via the website: [https://www.martinarts.org/support\\_us/events/marties-awards/marties-nomination.html](https://www.martinarts.org/support_us/events/marties-awards/marties-nomination.html)
- ArtsFest (Feb 12 & 13): student groups are participating from the high schools with an art booth and Murray Middle School drama is performing on Saturday. Many community organizations are participating in addition to 75+ artists. Student volunteers are welcome.
- Marvin S Cone High School Juried Art Show: opening/awards night is May 5, 2022.
- MartinArts is hosting the professional development day for art teachers in February.
- Nancy updated the group about progress with the MCSD for the vision of Stuart High School as an arts/cultural center noting they were on the agenda for the workshop meeting 2/2.

### Announcements:

- Tony Anderson expressed his appreciation for the arts teachers at the table who devoted themselves to extracurricular activities like participating on this community as an extension of their dedication to their profession and students.
- Faith suggested that in future meetings perhaps we could discuss programs like All About Achieving that have STEM but not STEAM and how we could assist in getting the "A" included.

The meeting adjourned at 5:21PM.