

ARTS EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

January 28, 2021 | 4:00 pm

Attend in person or Virtually (link to be sent)



- I. Welcome & Introductions Tony Anderson or Sheryl Levine
- II. Approve Minutes from November 10, 2020 meeting (attached)
- III. New Business:
  - a. Discussion: New Grants & Partnership with Education Foundation (see attached)
- IV. Old Business:
  - a. Update: Memory Project Sheryl Levine
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- V. Update on Stuart High School Nancy Turrell
- VI. Program Updates from Staff
  - a. Updates mARTies Jennifer Hearn
  - b. Updates Marvin S Cone High School Juried Art Show Jennifer Hearn
  - c. Updates ArtsFest Jennifer Hearn
- VII. Announcements
- VIII. Public Comment
- IX. Next Meeting: Schedule to be Discussed.
- X. Adjourn

***Committee Members***

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

Sheryl Levine | Committee Co-Chair

Kimberly Everman

Duncan Hurd

Faith Paul

Jordan Silvia

Invited Guests/Possible New Members: Anita Caswell, Amanda Jones, Tami Conrad, Denisha Bonds

## ARTS EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

### MINUTES

November 10, 2020

ATTENDING: Sheryl Levine, Kimberly Everman, Faith Paul. Guests: Kevin Bogdan (SFHS Band), Dr. Anita Caswell (MMS Choir and Drama). Staff: Nancy Turrell, Jennifer Hearn

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Sheryl Levine, committee co-chair, called the meeting to order at 4:08 pm.

Minutes from the November 20, 2019 meeting were approved by consensus.

**Stuart High School:** Nancy Turrell provided an overview on the successful application submitted to the Division of Historic Resources with approval from the Martin County School Board. She commented that she and few others visited the former Sarasota High School, now Sarasota Museum of Art. The projects are remarkably similar.

#### **New Business:**

**Programs to Assist Public School Teachers during COVID 19:** heard from two guests: Dr. Anita Caswell from Murray Middle School and Kevin Bogdan from South Fork High School. Mr. Bogdan noted that their three biggest area of concern are (1) logistics, (2) academics and social interactions, and (3) equipment. He noted that it was difficult to motivate students with no in person performances. He also noted that PPE is expensive. 45% of his budget (\$3000) was spent on specialized masks for the students. Dr Caswell noted some of the same concerns, yet expressed that she was grateful for everything they do have to work with. She added that the positive side is the time dedicated to teaching music theory and reading music. There also appears to be differing capacities as school sites for tech and equipment. After discussion, the committee agreed that a first step would be to survey the teachers. Sheryl Levine agreed to draft a survey for consideration.

**Future Educational Programming at the CHCC** The report prepared by Nancy was reviewed as included with the packet. Due to concerns with COVID 19 and the additional information needed with respect to film and copyrights, no immediate action is being taken.

#### **Old Business:**

**Update: Memory Project:** Sheryl offered a brief update about the international program. A link will be sent with a video about the program.

**Pre-mARTies Coaching for Students:** a session is scheduled for this coming Thursday. It was noted a total of 22 nominees in the student categories had been received.

**Program Updates.** No updates.

**Announcements:** No announcements were made.

**Public Comment:** None

**Next Meeting:** no date was set for the January meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 pm.

# MEMORANDUM

TO: Arts Council Board Members  
FR: Nancy Turrell, Executive Director  
RE: Arts Education Grants  
DT: January 15, 2021

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In November, the Arts Education Committee met with several classroom arts teachers to learn more about how they were faring in the classroom and managing the COVID situation. The committee was discussing ways to help and support these teachers during a rather challenging time.

Although initially we were considering launching a virtual artist in residence program, the magnitude of such a program weighed heavily on us, and during our talks with the teachers, it was clearly evident that the short-term needs were items they needed for their classrooms and students that would make the hybrid teaching environment a little easier.

Sheryl Levine and I met with Lisa Rhodes, executive director, The Education Foundation for Martin County, to discuss a possible collaborative grant program using funds from the Arts License Plate. This account currently has a balance of \$8781. Of that total we estimate using \$3,000-4,000 for the Marvin S Cone High School Juried Art Show (April – May 2021). In prior years, the balance of the funds were used for scholarships and program costs associated with the Arts Day (high school students, plein air arts day field trip).

The Education Foundation would be willing to collaborate on a granting program restricted to the arts programs (art, music, drama). The maximum cost to do so is 6%; however, Ms. Rhodes indicated they may have some funds that will allow them to reduce that costs as well as funds that may match our investment.

It is our recommendation that we pursue a partnership and rollout a grant program to support public school classroom teachers during the Spring semester.

## DRAFT LANGUAGE RE GRANTS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Att: Visual and Performing Arts Educators, Martin County School District

RE: Grants through Build-A-Project, A Collaboration with the Arts Council of Martin County and The Education Foundation of Martin County

The Arts Council of Martin County is partnering with The Education Foundation of Martin County to offer funding for projects for all Visual and Performing Arts Educators in the Martin County School District. The Arts Council of Martin County has been a supporter of the arts in our schools with such programs as the Marvin S. Cone High School Juried Art Show, scholarships and other arts programs.

In these challenging times of hybrid education, our Arts Educators may find that they are in need of funding for projects that may include, but are not limited to art supplies, instruments, technology and software, equipment and professional development to help our students become more successful. Grants up to the amount of 500.00 each will be awarded. Some projects/requests could be eligible for matching grants by The Education Foundation of Martin County. Projects that benefit a broader population of students would be highly considered.

Please use the Build-A-Project form on The Education Foundation of Martin County ([link below](#)) to submit your grant application. Include a detailed description and why you are in need of such funding, the number of students that will be impacted by your project and how it will benefit your students. Funding requests that have already been submitted through Build-A-Project by Arts Educators will also be considered. No need to reapply.

[Link to Build-A-Project](#)

Any questions, please contact....