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Committee Members: Gerardo Barrientos, Debby Beck, Lucy Berman, Joanna Gates, Dawn Jenkins, K.T. Travers*, Michelle Wadler

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Arts, Recreation & Culture Committee Meeting (STARC)

Tuesday, February 28, 2023 @ 7:30 PM Pacific Time (U.S. and Canada)

MINUTES (Approved)

In Attendance: Joe DeCenzo, Gerardo Barrientos, Dawn Jenkins, Lucy Berman, Michele Wadler, Debby Beck Guests: Arthur Drucker, Murray Kalish, Mercedes Del Castillo, David Jenkins, Cindy Cleghorn, Marsh Drucker, Tad (George), Jennifer Zapp, Elizabeth Hackman, Miran K., Ava Childress.

- 1. Call To Order; Introductions, Approval of Minutes of January 24, 2023:** Joe DeCenzo welcomed the guests new to the STARC Committee meeting. He read through the minutes of the prior month's meeting. Gerardo Barrientos moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Michelle Wadler seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.
- 2. Review mission statement; Code of Conduct; Quorum requirements:** Joe DeCenzo reviewed the mission statement, code of conduct and quorum requirements. He invited those interested in learning more about the code of conduct to look up the full text at www.empowerla.org
- 3. Public Comments/Updates for Non-Agenda Items:** Committee members/Guests. We (STARC Committee) are currently allowed to meet on Zoom through March 29th. It is unknown, at this time, if we will be obligated to meet in person following that date. Jennifer Zapp encouraged all to check out the McGroarty Arts Center website for class schedule and event updates. Mercedes Del Castillo confirmed her contact information for STARC members to upload photos for future involvement. Cindy Cleghorn commented on the upcoming STNC elections scheduled for June 3rd. Please apply through the office of the city clerk. Candidate filing ends March 20th. Gerardo mentioned the Stonehurst celebration scheduled for March 11. Joe mentioned the Village Poets public reading at Bolton Hall Museum on March 26th.
- 4. Guest Speaker, Marsh Drucker, "Sculpting an Adventure."** Marsh taught for 30 years and finished her career at Burbank High School. She first created art with watercolors and acrylics. She then learned bronze casting at Pasadena City College. She showed images of a half dozen artists working in her studio, "Go Figure." She credits David Simon with teaching her about molds and full figure sculpting. One of her philosophies about art is, "Be a master practicing, not practicing to be a master."
- 5. Update: McGroarty Arts Center:** Dawn Jenkins announced the reception of the art exhibit on Friday, March 17. The ceramics show will move forward in June.
- 6. Discussion: Future Guest Speaker Bookings:** Joe informed the committee that local artist/photographer and former STARC chair, Krystee Clark will be contacted to appear toward the end of the year.
- 7. Discussion: Social Media Outreach (Mercedes Del Castillo)** Joe and Dawn will provide photos of STARC events to Mercedes.
- 8. Community project updates:** Gerardo Barrientos (Pinewood mural), Bus Bench Ads, "Phoenix Rising" mosaic: Gerardo is working from 9 a.m. to noon in between the rain drops. Joe and Joanna Gates discussed "Show Us Your Heart," or "Let Your Heart Be Seen" as the third slogan for the bus bench ads.
- 9. Discussion/Review Past and Future events, Committee TABLED**
- 10. Adjourn: 9:25 p.m.**

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