

Artist Enclave of Historic Kenwood

Meeting Minutes

April 10, 2022 – 6:30pm

Grand Central Brewhouse

Lead/Liaison Luci Westphal

Minutes Prepared by Lisa Presnail

23 AEHK members and 1 guest attended.

Luci Westphal called the meeting to order, 6:30.

Luci Introduced the new format: skipping personal re-introductions and updates by each individual member and instead for anyone who has updates (wins/wants) to share those at the end of the meeting to kick-off socializing time.

Luci welcomed new members, painter Laz Perez and potter Elm Perez – and mosaic artist Roland Willsey.

Luci re-introduced Mike Toth, a long-term member who is a graphic artist and who has done a lot of work for the AEHK as well as the HKNA, but had not been to a meeting for a while so the new people may not have known him.

Rich Pollin re-introduced.

Luci put forth the topic of committees as a follow-up to our last monthly meeting, where many of us signed up to be on small committees. She has sent an email to all those who signed up and asked if we received, reviewed etc. Luci listed the committees, below is a partial list:

- Guidelines / Rules / Standards
- 2023 Studio Tour
- St. Pete High School Collaboration
- Holiday Market and/or Arts Festival (Seminole Park) - together with HKNA
- The Gables Rotating Group Exhibits
- Group Exhibits in temporary spaces (e.g., storefronts, new condo lobbies)

- Special assignment projects (e.g., the AEHK birdhouses)
- Grand Central Holiday Events (e.g., Pride on Central, Halloween)
- New Membership Outreach
- Guest Residency Advocacy (Exploratory committee)
- Relationship-building beyond HK
- Performing Arts

Rich asked if we could combine committees.

Pride is coming up next in Grand Central. Luci asked if Lisa has organized anything yet. She has not, and asked for help. Discussion ensued about the plausibility of our artists selling work or benefiting from a presence at Pride, noted that the event has become very commercial and its primary focus may not allow the best atmosphere for selling or promoting art.

Alexis suggested we share the HKNA table at Pride/GC.

Janna stated that Halloween on Grand Central is already in the works and as part of the Grand Central Committee she is working with David Foote.

Sallie talked about the Bird House and Book idea, shared the book and the concept.

Luci mentioned that she is in talks with new wine art bar in HK Creative Grape about an AEHK artist show – to hopefully kick off a series of shows for different AEHK artists.

Upcoming Events:

Porch Party May 13.

Second Saturday Art Walk, May 14

May 21 Yard Sale, sign up by the 18th for \$5 to be listed. (Anyone can have the yard sale, \$5 to be listed)

Reminder to attend HKNA meetings and sign up for HK connections.

Official Speaker: Jeff Danner, Chair of the Public Art Committee, spoke to our group about the Kenwood Public Arts Initiative - and its projects, past, present and future.

Member Updates, e.g., Alexis is taking singing lessons.

Luci invited people to stay after we close the meeting for social time with each other.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned, 7:40

The next general meeting will be at 6:30 on 6/14 at Grand Central Brewhouse.

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