

Arts Committee Report to Council  
Arts Committee meeting January 20, 2009

**Old Business:**

The monthly artist exhibit schedule has been set through August 2009. A reception to acknowledge the participants of the monthly artist exhibit from January 2008 until May 2009 will be scheduled for May 24 at 12:15PM in the Gathering Space. Bill Range will contact Nancy Martin to have the Gathering Space reserved, and he will also send invitations.

The subject of a brochure with the guidelines for prospective visiting artists was discussed. The idea is to have this available at local art associations and schools. The Chair will prepare a draft for the next meeting.

Jane Hess reported she had spoken with Craig Staller, Chair of the Missions Committee, about the Arts Committee acquiring one of the cases in the Gathering Space near the receptionist's desk. It was agreed the Arts Committee could have the one closest to the window. This will be where the statuettes donated by the Laubenstines will be permanently displayed. The Chair will contact Jack Bush and ask for the statuettes. The Chair will also notify Donna Sprowls, Parish Ministry Chair, to have an article written for the Trinity Parish.

**Concert Series**

The Thiel College Choir will be the next group to perform for the concert series. A dinner will need to be provided for forty students and four others. The Chair will contact Joe Hunter. A reception will follow the concert. Cookie signups will be placed in the Gathering Space at the receptionist's desk as well as in the choir room. The Chair will call people to request assistance with the dinner and the reception. Meredith Askey and Joan Conrad will take care of the home stay requests. Tim will get the needed information to Meredith and Joan.

The Music Festival with Michael Burkhardt will have a reception afterwards co-sponsored by the Harrisburg AGO. Doris Savage has scheduled AGO members to assist with the reception. The Arts Committee will furnish the punch. Bill Range has offered to get the punch ingredients for the committee.

**New Business:**

In previous meetings, it has been discussed as to what the proper procedures are for art donations. At the last meeting, the Chair stated she would write the guidelines for donations of artwork. The Chair did write them, and they were discussed. Marcia Brown motioned to have them approved. Tim Koch seconded. The Chair will attach the guidelines to her report to the Congregation Council.

A discussion was held about the possibility of purchasing new choir robes this year. The robes we currently have are about 12 years old. We would need to purchase around 140 robes. Broken down it would be: 70 for the Chancel Choir, 40 for the kids' choirs, and 30 for the Matins Choir. In addition, we would also check with the Worship Committee if robes should be purchased for worship assistants. One idea was to purchase gowns and get stoles for the different seasons of the church. The committee discussed the option of giving the old robes to another church that may need them. When these robes are eventually purchased, it was agreed unanimously that an announcement needs to be made to the congregation that the money came from Memorials. The

Chair will research the costs and assemble a sub-committee to discuss this further.

Jane Hess brought to the committee's attention the Worship Committee policy page. It is stated a member of the Arts Committee should be on the Worship Committee. If any Arts member would like to serve on the Worship Committee, please contact the Chair.

With no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM after the Lord's Prayer.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday March 24, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Haar

Committee Chair