

Arts & Culture Committee Meeting Minutes, 05/31/2019, 12:00-1:25 pm

Present: Alison Timmons (Chair), Daniel Anderson, Lori Sams, Ki Russell, Sheri Jordan, Shaindel Beers, Margaret Gianotti, Abby Pierson, Annie Smith, Margaret Mayer, and Jean Reiher.

Minutes:

1. Agenda: Alison made a motion to approve the agenda. Abby seconded. The agenda for today is approved.
2. Review Minutes: Alison asked the committee to review the minutes from the last meeting. Margaret Gianotti made a motion to approve the minutes from 05/03/2019. Shaindel seconded. Minutes from the 05/03/2019 meeting are approved.
3. EOCI Creative Writing Contest: Possibly 15 or 16 entries. Ron will email Alison.
4. Theater: Alison wants to know when the theater is available for the presentation by the female fighter pilot. Daniel responded that the MOU with the CCT is being renegotiated. He will let Alison know when the theater is available.
5. Arts and Culture Festival
 - a. Dates: April 20-25, 2020 during the 4th week of the Spring Term.
 - b. Oregon Humanities Conversation Project (OHCP): Several of their “conversations” will fit with the theme of “Our Changing World for the festival next year. Ex. Climate change, technology outpacing humanity, fake news, etc.
 - c. Margaret G. said that “fake news” is a good topic to discuss, but don’t hire OHCP. Instead we should invite our local news people (East Oregonian, Willamette Week, etc.) to talk and maybe have an interactive lesson in the computer lab. She also suggested inviting a drone photographer since drone photos are often used in modern media. She also suggested inviting Brandy Anderson, a former student, who could do a presentation on how to earn money through social media. Lori Sams said that could lead to a discussion about commercialism.
 - d. Abby said that two young men from Cameroon coming here to play soccer at BMCC. Margaret G. mentioned that Harriet Issom was an Ambassador to Cameroon. The EO Forum is bringing two other ambassadors to speak about diplomacy and how that has changed drastically since WWII.
 - e. Lori said that artist Sara Everett will have an opening reception and a workshop on April 16, 2020. Her art currently focuses on Endangered Species. The workshop might be on making a bee keychain or brooch pin. Science teacher Sacha McKeon is a bee keeper and has a hive on campus. Sarah Gardner, Science

Lab Coordinator, may be willing to lead a student project to build mason bee houses.

- f. Shaindel said that John Sibley Williams has two books of poetry that won awards this year. He's interested in doing a presentation and a reading here.
- g. Alison mentioned an Urban Poetry workshop on youth leadership and asked if students would be interested.
- h. Abby said that she would ask the ASG Ambassadors if they want any of these topics.
- i. Margaret G. said that we need interesting, interactive events, not just talking at the students.
- j. Lori Sams said that Anne Marie Cunningham teaches Art Appreciation (by Zoom from Seattle). She wants to be more involved next year.
- k. Lori suggested getting the library involved with books that relate to the topics. We should put lists of suggested reading on the website and on Canvas.
- l. Daniel Anderson suggested having a Maker Space where artists can do art and invite students to participate. Maybe do this in the art studio in the afternoons.
- m. Abby suggested a mural project. Lori said that Jason Hogue, a local artist, could draw the outline and have students paint it.
- n. Alison said maybe a tie-in with Earth Day, April 22, 2020 such as "How Green is BMCC?" She mentioned having an ag-related activity such as a presentation by a young couple from Walla Walla who farm using horse-power.
- o. Abby suggested a presentation about hydroponics.
- p. Shaindel said that the owner of Kind Leaf is a BMCC alumnus.
- q. Lori said a student's parents own a lavender farm.
- r. Abby suggested a display of hybrid/electric cars such as Tesla, Toyota Prius, or Nissan Leaf.
- s. Daniel mentioned recycling by the Diesel and Welding students who made statues and trophies out of engine parts.
- t. Alison mentioned "Homer to Hash Tags" and others from Washington Humanities.

- u. Alison said we should focus on Climate Change and Earth Day topics. Each person who made a suggestion should follow-up and bring more details to the next meeting.
 - v. Alison said that ASG will fund hands-on activities. Margaret Mayer mentioned that Terry Hale is our new Theater Instructor. He's the director at the Elgin Opera House. His daughter is a dancer and could lead a "flash mob" dance.
6. Other topics: Native American events
- a. Annie Smith said that Emily Washines may come in the fall, October or November.
 - b. The Powwow is scheduled for March 12, 2020. Both Adults and children will be dancing.

1:25 pm: Alison made a motion to adjourn; Abby seconded. Meeting Adjourned.

Next A&C meeting: TBD