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June 13th, 2023

Arts & Cultural Affairs Committee

This meeting was teleconferenced using Zoom

Attendees:

Karesia Batan, Chair
Ann Marie Baranowski
Kat Bloomfield
Kenneth Greenberg
Eric Narburgh
Ryan Smith

Absentees:

Anatole Ashraf
Stephen Cooper
Badrun Khan
Akello Thomas

Edjo Wheeler – Public Member

Guests:

Norma Homberg
Nancy Bruno
Andre, Cucala Dance Company
Mai Tran

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Karesia Batan, Chair welcomed everyone to the Arts and Cultural Affairs Committee meeting.

Karesia Batan introduced the Norma Homberg, Co-Founder of AHA Fine Art and Board Member and Exhibit Coordinator for LIC-A (LIC Artists) in the Gallery at the Factory and Nancy Bruno on the board for LIC-A (***presentation attached***)

- Norma Homberg spoke about LIC-A which stands for Long Island City Artists.
- LIC-A is a volunteer based non-profit organization founded by artists and was incorporated in LIC in 1986.
- LIC-A produces art exhibitions and events.
- LIC-A provides professional development opportunities for artists.
- The programs are supported through grants and donations.
- Visit the website at www.licartists.org
- Before being located at The Factory, they were located at the Plaxall Gallery
- LIC-A members are professional artists from Long Island City as well as elsewhere in Queens.
- LIC-A has shows in a variety of locations.

“Serving the Communities of Long Island City, Sunnyside, Woodside, and Maspeth”

- Nancy Bruno spoke about the shows that are currently exhibited at The Factory.
- LIC-A has an annual art fair in November.
- LIC-A does not take percentage of any artwork sold.
- The link for an artist call and membership is:
https://licartists.formstack.com/forms/submission_form_to_darken_lightly
https://licartists.formstack.com/forms/membership_form_copy
- LIC-A has open call for curators.
- The curators do receive a stipend and LIC-A finds curators through word of mouth.
- The cost of \$75.00 is to become a member. However, you do not have to become a member to have a show.
- Short discussion on membership and fees.
- LIC-A had virtual events during COVID.
- They are funded through membership fees and the money that comes in through an open call.
- Grant money goes into shows and programming.
- LIC-A could use more help with volunteers.
- Please visit their website for more information <https://www.licartists.org/>
- Short discussion on internships with schools.
- Short discussion on funding information.

Announcements

Andre of Cucala Dance Company – mentioned their first anniversary party will be September 9th, 2023 at their home studio in LIC. It is free to attend.

Kat Bloomfield announced The Arts Business Collective will be offering a free roundtable discussion starting in the Fall from 2:00 to 3:30pm

Visit this link for further information:

<https://www.artsbusinesscollaborative.org/programs/help-desk>

Karesia Batan mentioned a NYFA workshop the deadline is June 19th, 2023. The link is: <https://www.nyfa.org/blog/apply-now-nysca-nyfa-artist-as-entrepreneur->

Queensboro Dance Festival will be having free events on Sunday, June 25th, 2023 at Murray Playground and on June 27th, 2023, Queensboro Dance Festival will be collaborating with LIC Partnership to do a pop up end of the month Pride Event at the 12th Street Plaza from 6-8pm. On Saturday July 8th, 2023, they will be at Windmueller Park. For more details visit the website at: www.queensborodancefestival.org

Karesia Batan mentioned to the Arts & Cultural Committee that she would like to work collectively with the committee on the Arts & Cultural Groups list over the summer.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Tarm9sQwvJEn8J3cQpobg8r7DRrA6JpF4jEAJg1SJCc/edit?usp=sharing>

Karesia Batan discussed with the committee how to get more artists in the district interested in arts and culture. Karesia mentioned how she would like to have the artists more involved with the committee. To get the artist more involved in civic activity. Kat Bloomfield mentioned the Queens Arts Fund and Flushing Town Hall.

Eric Narburgh suggested having written testimonials from guests that have attended Arts & Cultural Committee meetings in the past.

Ann Marie Baranowski suggested being more involved with the libraries. Having artists talk at libraries about their own art. Another suggestion was to do studio tours focusing on the artist.

Karesia Batan thanked everyone for their attendance at this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,

Kim Waber