

**BARRINGTON/NORTHWEST COMMUNITY ASSOCIATES  
OF  
THE ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO**

Minutes of the Board meeting held on August 26, 2009.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Carole Bulakowski called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

Members present: Joan Bennett; Carole Bulakowski; Sally Biere; Jo Brynildssen; Nancy Evans; Emma Gerosa; Barbara Griggs; Mari Harrer; Mary Hart; Judy Hogan; Carol Merritt; Harlene Perozzi; Diane Raak; Sandra Ross; Jean Tittle; and Virginia Tolk.

Members absent: Kim Curtis; Lenore Elsener; Peg Gabala; Bonnie Horne; Jane Riley; Anne Sebastyan; Judy Segebrecht; and Mary Wajda.

**CHAIR'S REMARKS**

Carole welcomed everyone and shared correspondence she received from the Barrington Library thanking us for our donation given in recognition of the use library's facility. She also received a thank you from Linda Teichgraeber and Dee Tevonian from the AIC thanking us for the \$1500.00 donation. They would like to meet with the board in an interchange of ideas/concerns. Jo suggested we have a box lunch at a board meeting at the library as it is more difficult to converse with a large group in a restaurant. Carole will extend an invitation. We also received an invitation to Highland Park's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration which will be held on September 9, 2009 at the Birchwood Club. Leslie Hindman will speak on The Art of Collection and the Auction Process. Several board members expressed an interest in attending. With our 50<sup>th</sup> coming in 2011, it will be helpful to see another group's celebration.

**SECRETARY**

Mari Harrer moved that minutes be approved, seconded by Sandy Ross. Mari also reminded us that her new email address is: [mariharrer@comcast.net](mailto:mariharrer@comcast.net)

**PROGRAM**

Jo relayed that she has the contracts for all the day chairs and pertinent board members. New board members were reminded that the program chairs and Carole have monthly meetings at the AIC. On Friday, September 11, 2009 there will be a program chairs' gathering. Jo asked for a replacement for her at the October 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Managers at the AIC. Emma G. passed out a flyer she had done listing our events for the coming year as a tool to interest prospective members. She thought they might be placed at area libraries as well as having them available at our Fall Tea on September 3, 2009. Ginny suggested using different colors and or fonts to highlight events. Harlene suggested doing the form in columns on one page.

Emma will get some estimates on having the forms printed after she revises it. Carole and Jo commented on our new booklet for the year with thanks to Bonnie Horne for all her work.

**TREASURER**

Mary H. reported that at the end of May our financial report from AIC showed assets of \$11,249.23 whereas last year at the same time we had net assets of \$14,567.64. This reflects both some early deposits for restaurants as well as the fewer members. Disbursements for postage and printing costs for the program books totaled \$599.20. The AIC wanted to close out petty cash funds which totaled \$18.58 and Mary sent in a person check along with receipts to close the account. In the future petty cash payments will be done by reimbursement from AIC. Members will need to give Mary receipts so she can send in a request for payment form. Mary also received a letter from Mary Jane Drews, Vice President of Museum Development, thanking us for that donation of \$1500.00.

Judy H. suggested that Carole's talk at the Fall Tea might include information on how to join the group. Harlene moved that the Treasurer's report be approved, seconded by Sandy R.

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

Carol Merritt stated that we have 5 new members and 12 renewed memberships. Currently our memberships run through October 2009. Members should have received information from the AIC on new rates for the coming year. All memberships will be through the AIC.

#### **PUBLICITY**

Carole posed the idea of sending photographs of members involved in any of our activities to the newspapers as additional publicity. Sandy noted that LifeStyles has been our best source to get news to the community. Since Sandy is not here in the winter months, she would like to have some assistance with follow up articles. Nancy E. suggested that pictures could require a waiver. Harlene will check into getting release forms. Carole hoped that a picture of the Board at the Fall Tea might be a good follow up to Sandy's original article which was very well done.

#### **TRANSPORTATION**

Nancy relayed that everything is in place with the bus companies.

**EXPLORING ART** – No Report

**SEMINARS** – No Report

#### **HOSPITALITY**

Barbara Griggs reported that her committee met and they have been calling members for donations of purchased goods for our Fall Tea. Peg Cabala is doing the table decorations and Jo will be transporting our speaker. The audio visual equipment is all set. There was some discussion about having name tags with an identifying mark for new attendees. Carole will check on getting plastic guards for members' name tags.

**HISTORIAN** – No Report

#### **EX-OFFICIO**

Mari H., Jo, Carole and Barbara G. visited the Sea Horse Palace at the Woodlands in Barrington Hills, Il as a possible venue for our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. They passed around pictures and all agreed it was a lovely place. They suggested mid September 2011 for the event. There was discussion about the need for a caterer, valet, pianist, speaker and insurance. Sally suggested two other possible locations and she will check on availability.

**OLD BUSINESS** - None

**NEW BUSINESS** - None

**The next meeting will be held on September 23, 2009 at 9:15 a.m. at the Barrington Public Library.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Jean Tittle  
Recording Secretary

**BARRINGTON/NORTHWEST COMMUNITY ASSOCIATES  
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Minutes of the Board meeting held on September 23, 2009

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Carole Bulakowski called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

Members present: Sally Biere; Joan Bennett; Carole Bulakowski; Nancy Evans; Emma Gerosa; Barbara Griggs; Mari Harrer; Mary Hart; Carol Merritt; Harlene Perozzi; Diane Raak; Sandra Ross; Anne Sebastyan; Judy Segebrecht; Jean Tittle; Virginia Tolk; and Mary Wajda.

Members absent: Jo Brynildssen; Kim Curtis; Lenore Elsener; Peg Gabala; Judy Hogan; Bonnie Horne; and Jane Riley.

**CHAIR'S REMARKS**

Carole asked each board member to introduce themselves and say something about their involvement in our community associates group.

As a follow-up to our discussion last month, Carole relayed that Linda Teichgraeber and Dee Tevonian from the AIC will be coming to our October board meeting. The board will meet at our usual time and our guests will arrive around 10:30 a.m. to share with us and also to hear feedback and/or concerns. There was a discussion about some sort of treats. Anne S. reminded us that Egg Harbor does have a loft area that could accommodate the group, but wondered if parking would be a problem. Mary W. suggested Starbucks. Harlene thought that cider and donut holes would be easy and in keeping with the fall season. Carole volunteered to pick up these items. Mari H. suggested that this be billed to our account. We need to be sure there is a table available for serving. There are napkins left from the tea that could be used. Sandy said she would like to bring some muffins as well. Topics suggested for discussion include our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration; membership issues; publicity and transportation.

Carole, Barbara, Harlene, Emma, Ginny and Joan shared their experience attending Highland Park's 50<sup>th</sup> celebration.

Information from the Board of Managers meeting included comments about the exhibit, A Case for Wine; updates on the budget; and current membership numbers. Carole noted that Linda Teichgraeber said there will be a plaque in the Modern Wing that would honor contributors of \$100,000.00 or more. The Combined Community Associates have already contributed \$80,000. At the meeting Carole explained about the Combined Lecture change for October 30<sup>th</sup>. Lindy Roy, an architect from South Africa, will be the new speaker. Postcards will be sent to members regarding the change.

The AIC does have stationary available and if anyone would like some, see Carole.

**SECRETARY**

Carole and Jean talked about a new procedure in sending out the minutes. Jean will send a draft to Carole before sending an email attachment to board members. If there are items to be shared in regards to the good and welfare of members, Jean will send out information but it will not be in the body of the official minutes, copies of which are sent to the AIC and also archived at the Barrington Library. Mary H. had a correction for the minutes. It should have stated in the treasurer's report that she sent a personal check..

A motion to approve the corrected minutes was made by Harlene and seconded by Judy S. Motion approved.

**PROGRAM**

Carole commented on the Fall Tea which was a very successful event. Barbara and her committee did a wonderful job. Barbara thanked members of her committee as well as the custodian at the Barrington Presbyterian Church. There were 120 to 124 attendees. Carol M. said we did get new members and she felt that having the membership table at the entrance was very helpful. Our speaker, Annie Morse, was very

knowledgeable and entertaining as she spoke about Modern Wing, Modern Treasurers. Barbara estimated that our costs would be around \$778.00 including the rental fee, speaker fee, dry cleaning of the table cloths and supplies. She and Mary H. will get an exact accounting. There was some confusion over the speaker's fee in the contract. Carole will do some checking on this.

Our first trip to see the Japanese Screens also went very well. There were 41 who signed up, and 39 attended. The Women's Board Tea provided tasty treats as well as some historical information.

Emma G. reported that our October 2<sup>nd</sup> trip to the Merchandise Mart Antique Fair has been so popular that there are 9 members on a wait list. She proposed that if some people were willing to take public transportation, they could be given a reduced price and we would be able to accommodate everyone who wanted to attend. The following people were willing to use that option: Nancy E.; Mary H.; Harlene; Barbara; Judy S.; Bonnie; Diane; Sally and Mary W. Emma will let them know what the reduced fee will be. Carole will let them know the day's agenda and where to meet up with the bus group. Anne reminded us that the Independent Traveler's Form should be completed by those members. Carole also suggested that she get the cell phone numbers of everyone to facilitate communication. She was also going to inquire if the lunch time could be moved to an earlier time.

### **TREASURER**

Mary's report indicates that the AIC financial report ending June 30, 2009 credits our group with 210 members and showed \$5054.50 in net assets. Mary noted that as a comparison, the net assets at the end of June in 2008 showed assets of \$7205.73. She sent in a general ledger transfer request for \$600.00 for cost of 3 Board of Managers' Monthly luncheons at 8 meetings at \$25.00 each. She also sent in Requests for Payment Forms for Jane, Judy, and Diane. These costs and the rent of \$200.00 come to \$477.36. That does not include the \$200.00 for the speaker. Traditionally the speaker's fee goes to the Department of Museum Education. She and Barbara will get together to tabulate any other costs for the tea. Mary and Carole met to prepare this year's budget which she sent to the Executive Board Treasurer. The budget is projecting a carryover of \$6,069.50. Checks totaling \$1,845.00 for the Japanese Screens program were sent to the AIC. Another \$135.00 was spent to reorder more program booklets. Mary W. moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Joan. Motion carried.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

Carol reported our projected membership will be 223. Currently there have been 137 renewals and 18 new members. Old memberships end in October and she expects most of those members to renew as well. Some members have still not received notification from the AIC about fees for the 2009-2010 year. Emma wondered if it would be possible for the AIC to notify community associates of members in their areas who may be unaware of the community associates programs and ties to the AIC.

### **PUBLICITY**

Sandy sent in a picture of the officers taken by Ginny at our Fall Tea to LifeStyles. Carole brought in a copy of the Local Edition now put out by the Chicago Tribune that Jo had given her. Sandy will check with them as another avenue for publicity. Several of our new members had seen the information she had sent to LifeStyles and joined as a result. Carole is going to check on the need for a Release of Information for photographs that are published.

### **TRANSPORTATION**

Nancy received a survey from the bus company about their service. She had not yet received a bill for our last program. She had asked for a smaller bus but the company said they would use the same size bus but would reduce the fee.

### **EXPLORING ART**

Judy reported that our speaker, Richard Helland, will set up around noon on Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. She will ask the library to set up for 50 people. Joan reminded us that there should be a microphone available. There will not be any refreshments. Judy asked about a gift card from \$25.00 - \$50.00 as a thank you for him. Mary W. thought perhaps a traditional gift from the AIC would be more appropriate. Carole will check with Jeff Nigro.

## **SEMINARS**

No Report..

## **HOSPITALITY**

Barbara asked for suggestions for next year. Anne thought more serving stations would alleviate the longer lines. Carol suggested letting guests and members start through the lines earlier and she also thought an announcement to begin serving would be effective. The recommendations were noted and the committee can refer to them when planning next fall.

## **HISTORIAN**

Anne brought in two articles from the Wall Street Journal. One focused on the difficulties the Cleveland Museum of Art has had in this challenging economic climate. Anne noted how much better things had gone here in Chicago. The other, Celebrating the Bauhaus at 90, relayed information about the interdisciplinary workshop for modernity. Anne noted that Carol Reitz, now deceased, was a former Chair of our group and spoke about this topic in Members Present Art. Lanni Ori also spoke on this subject.

## **EX-OFFICIO**

No report.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Mari H. asked if the timing of our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in September 2010 might be too close to the Fall Tea. Anne thought we could scale back on the scope of the Fall Tea if necessary. Nancy suggested that knowing that this event would be coming up soon might be an enticement for people to join our group. Carole thought this would be a topic for discussion with Linda and Dee when they attend our board meeting next month.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

None

Mari H moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 a.m., seconded by Mary W. Motion carried.

**The next meeting will be held on October 28, 2009 at 9:15 a.m. at the Barrington Library.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Jean Tittle  
Recording Secretary

**BARRINGTON/NORTHWEST COMMUNITY ASSOCIATES  
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Minutes of the Board meeting held on October 28, 2009.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Carole Bulakowski called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

Members present: Sally Biere; Joan Bennett; Carole Bulakowski; Jo Brynildssen; Lenore Elseher; Nancy Evans; Peg Gabala; Emma Gerosa; Barbara Griggs; Mary Hart; Bonnie Horne; Carol Merritt; Harlene Perozzi; Diane Raak; Jane Riley; Sandra Ross; Anne Sebastyan; Jean Tittle; and Mary Wajda.

Members absent: Kim Curtis; Mari Harrer; Judy Hogan; Judy Segebrecht; Virginia Tolk

**CHAIR'S REMARKS**

Carole welcomed everyone and reminded us that we would be joined by Linda Teischgraeber and Dee Tevonian later in the morning. She announced that Kim Curtis has resigned from the board because of family responsibilities.

Carole shared information and ideas from the Community Associates Board of Managers Meeting on October 12, 2009. Their program for the day was The Reinstalled Galleries of Impressionism and Post-Impressionism. The title for the Matisse exhibition has been changed to: Matisse: Radical Invention 1913-1917.

Suggestions from the September Chairman's workshop include having email addresses and cell phone numbers for members to facilitate communication. There was also a suggestion that an IT assistant and New Member Chair could increase member involvement. The Lake Forest Community Associate group used the AIC in a pilot study to do their program books at no cost. Information needed to be in by early May. Lenore noted that this was an experiment and that at this time it was not feasible to do all the groups. Jeff Nigro suggested it would be helpful if each group would have their own audio/visual systems so speakers would not have to bring it with them. Costs would be around \$840.00. In the ensuing discussion, some members felt there would be issues of storage and also noting that equipment upgrades may make it difficult to have what was needed. Currently we have about three programs where the equipment is needed.

**SECRETARY**

Anne S. moved that September minutes be approved. Motion seconded by Lenore, motion carried.

**PROGRAM**

Jo B. and Sandy, who is the day chair, reported that everything is in place for the Combined Associates Lecture on Friday October 30, 2009. There is a smaller group attending and Transportation Chair Nancy Evans has been able to get a smaller bus with a lower fee for that program. Carole noted that we will need someone to replace Kim C. for the Seminar Series in January. Jo noted that the speakers are in place but the new chair would need to check to make sure the room, audio visual equipment and the speaker are all set. The Winter Excursion will be on Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. Nancy asked about bringing guests. Lenore relayed that it is the policy of the Art Institute that only 2 guests are allowed on guest trips. Jo went through the program book descriptions of events to clarify if it is a member only, public invited or guests allowed. Our guests must be members of the AIC in order to attend any of our events that are held there.

**TREASURER**

Mary received the final financial report from the AIC for the year ended 6/30/09. Net assets were \$5054.50. Membership income of \$1177 and expenses of \$708.54 brought new net assets to \$5763.04 as of 9/8/09. The cost of our Fall Tea was \$894.20 including food, supplies, drycleaning and speaker. Mary received a thank you from

the Adult Education Department of the AIC for the \$200.00 speaker fee. In October, the trip to see the Japanese Screens resulted in profit of \$790.20 after expenditures for the bus, tip and treats. The October 2<sup>nd</sup> trip to the Merchandise Mart Antiques Faire was attended by 61 members and our profit was \$677.95 after expenses of \$3537.05 for the bus, tip, restaurant and treats. Mary attended the Treasurer's Meeting at the AIC and said they were encouraging all groups to have an assistant treasurer to help with the duties. Mary felt that was a good idea. Jo moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, motion seconded by Jane, motion carried.

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

Carol M. reported our current membership stands at 177 and 29 of those are new members. She relayed that some memberships for last year went through this October so there may be additional numbers when those people renew.

#### **PUBLICITY**

There was a very positive response to our Exploring Art Program which was a public event. Carole did bring information on coming events and also joining the AIC/Community Associates. Harlene suggested a poster with a contact name and number may be helpful as well. There was some discussion on the lower attendance for the Combined Community Associates program this Friday. Some members felt that the day before Halloween may be a factor and others thought the confusion over the speaker for the day may be another factor. Even though the AIC sent out postcards with information about the new speaker, Lindy Roy, some members may not have paid enough attention to it. The AIC may need to promote this event more heavily. Sandy has done a good job getting out publicity, but Joan pointed out that Barrington Courier Review often included events taking place in Lake Forest rather than focusing on events in the Barrington area.

#### **TRANSPORTATION**

Nancy reiterated that she was able to save \$175.00 by requesting a smaller bus for the October 30<sup>th</sup> program.

#### **EXPLORING ART**

No Report

#### **SEMINAR SERIES**

No Report

#### **HOSPITALITY**

Jane and Judy will call people who signed up to bring treats for the seminar series. Joan volunteered for the 12<sup>th</sup> and Emma for the 19<sup>th</sup>. Donated items must be purchased rather than homemade.

#### **HISTORIAN**

Anne brought in an article from the Wall Street Journal, September 29, 2009, about a film documentary regarding the Barnes Foundation of Philadelphia, PA. The collection of Impressionist, Post-Impressionist and Early Modern Paintings was a subject presented by our member, Lani Ori, in a Member's Present series (now called Exploring Art). She and another member, Jeanne Meyer attended this exhibit when it was in Toronto, Canada in the 1990's.

#### **EX-OFFICIO**

No Report

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Carole reminded us that she will be getting a nominating committee together which will consist of two current board members and two non board members. She would like current board members to let her know if they would like to continue or change their position and to give her suggestions for members of the new board. Carole

also gave several suggestions for our board outing in December. Most members seemed to favor the Diamond Exhibit at the Field Museum. We will be going on Thursday, December 3, 2009. Several restaurants were also suggested. Carole will finalize things and let board members know later.

**The next meeting will be held on at 9:15 a.m. at the Barrington Public Library on Wednesday, November 18, 2009.** (\* Note: the meeting will be one week earlier because of Thanksgiving Week).

Following our business meeting, we were joined by Linda Teichgraeber and Dee Tevonian who reviewed their connection to the Art Institute of Chicago and the responsibilities of their current positions. In turn, the board members introduced themselves. They reminded us that the Website is up and running at Articca.org. Our user name is "policy" and the password is "AIC08". Several members noted that using the forms from the website are very helpful.

Linda and Dee asked about the experience of the program chairs and the day chairs. Jo related some of the initial difficulties with communication in the development of the program booklets. Bonnie Horne's expertise was invaluable for our group in setting up the booklets. Linda said they were aware of some of those issues.

Questions from our group included plans for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. If we were to do it in September, we would have to consider whether we should also have the Fall Tea. Having both events would be expensive and require a lot of work on the part of our members. Linda noted that occasionally it is good to change activities. She also suggested a speaker since art education is the focus. Linda and Dee affirmed that gifts are generally given to the AIC as part of the anniversary celebration.

Membership issues were addressed. Not all members received their cards in a timely fashion. They noted that some groups have the membership chair take the checks and send them in altogether. Linda and Dee suggested the Membership Chair could share an Excel spreadsheet with the day chairs which would include the name of the attendees along with their check numbers, phone numbers and email addresses. Carole asked about Jeff Nigro's suggestion regarding a/v equipment. It is not a requirement.

Our group asked for additional ideas on publicity. They relayed that one group uses cable TV and others speak to Welcome Wagon groups. Another idea was to tally our membership by zip codes to see where they are concentrated and plan an event in another area.

Nancy suggested that AIC might have an introductory meeting to facilitate understanding of the role of Transportation Chair in completing the new AIC-CA policies and procedures of the bus services agreement form as well as the legal exhibits which must be included.

Carole thanked Linda and Dee for visiting our group.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jean Tittle  
Recording Secretary

**BARRINGTON/NORTHWEST COMMUNITY ASSOCIATES  
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Minutes of the Board meeting held on November 18, 2009

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Carole Bulakowski called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

Members present: Joan Bennett; Carole Bulakowski; Jo Brynildssen; Nancy Evans; Barbara Griggs; Mari Harrer; Mary Hart; Judy Hogan; Bonnie Horne; Carol Merritt; Harlene Perozzi; Diane Raak; Jane Riley; Sandra Ross; Judy Segebrecht; Jean Tittle; Virginia Tolk and Mary Wajda.

Members absent: Sally Biere; Lenore Elsener; Peg Gabala; Emma Gerosa; and Anne Sebastyan.

**CHAIR'S REMARKS**

Carole welcomed everyone. She passed around a note from Linda Teichgraeber thanking us for hosting our meeting with her and Dee Tevonian last month. Dee also emailed Carole with a similar message.

Carole updated us on the Board of Managers meeting that she attended. Elizabeth Seigal presented a program on British Victorian Photocollage from the 1860's- 1870's, a bit of a precursor to scrapbooking of today. Some members attended the Apostles of Beauty exhibit which dated from that same time period. Other exhibits that members may enjoy include Caravaggio, Konstantin Grcic and Soot to Spit. Jeff Nigro noted that there will be a new adult education page in the member's magazine. Some new programs include Understanding Modernism; Egypt in Chicago and Research on the Man Ray Chess Sets. Carole also gave us some information about the training the docents undertake.

**SECRETARY**

Jean shared some corrections members should note. Bonnie Horne's last name has an "e" at the end; Nancy added further clarification to her remarks at the meeting with Linda and Dee; the profit from the trip to the Merchandise Mart Antiques Faire was \$677.95 after expenses.

Carol M. moved to accept the corrected minutes, seconded by Harlene. Motion carried.

**PROGRAM**

Ginny relayed that there are 42 people signed up for the Holiday lights trip on Friday, December 11, 2009.

Ginny's cell phone number is incorrect as it is listed in our program book. Her cell phone number is (847) 525-2947. Ginny has another commitment that day so Jo and Carole will act as day chairs for that event.

Jo asked her program committee to meet at her home at 10:00 a.m. on January 5, 2010 to begin to plan next year's programs. Harlene will replace Kim Curtis as seminar chair for the January programs. Jo provided Harlene with the necessary paperwork. Jo also emailed Kim to thank her for her work on the board.

**TREASURER**

Income from the Combined Lecture program was \$1650.00 and expenses for the bus, tip, and restaurant added up to \$1854.22 leaving a loss of \$192.22. Mary H. noted that the lower attendance resulted in the loss. She prepared a payment request of \$78.17 for Carole for the refreshments at our October board meeting as well as the \$50.00 gift for Richard Helland who presented at our Exploring Art program. There was a discussion on the need for the AIC to promote the Combined Lecture programs. Jo is looking into Kendall College as a possibility for our luncheon after the Combined Community Associates Annual Lecture next fall. Harlene moved to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Barbara G. Motion carried.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Carol M. reported that we currently have 187 members of which 28 are new members. She explained that the AIC has a new software program which is contributing to the problems getting accurate membership lists. Some members have had difficulty getting their cards while others have paid and yet are not on the lists provided by the AIC.

Harlene asked about the zip code analysis talked about at our meeting with Linda and Dee last month. She offered to undertake this if needed.

## **PUBLICITY**

Mari Harrer read a letter she sent to the editor of the Barrington Courier Review in response to its lack of coverage of events in our area. He responded with contact information for the Trend Section which should give more information about events in our area rather than the north shore. Sandy will send information about the Seminar Series to them as well as to Des Plaines and the Local Tribune Edition. There was some discussion about using an Art Institute logo such as the traditional lions or other AIC logos on posters that we may use at upcoming seminar series or other meetings. Bonnie suggested we contact the AIC to get more definitive information on what can be used. Carole will follow up on this. Joan suggested we use a photograph to publicize the February meeting at Wynstone. Sandy feels that photographs of members are helpful in garnering interest in articles in the papers.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

Nancy will notify the bus company about using Carole's cell phone rather than Ginny's for the Holiday Lights program. Sandy commented about the excellent service the bus driver provided on our last trip. Since Nancy will be out of town for the March trip, Mari H. will be responsible for calling the bus company to double check on our numbers, etc. Billing usually occurs three weeks after an event. Nancy noted that the bus company has been very accommodating.

## **EXPLORING ART**

No report

## **SEMINAR SERIES**

Harlene has been working with Jo in getting all the information she needs.

## **HOSPITALITY**

Barbara will check on the audio visual equipment for the Seminar Series. The treats are all set. Nancy offered to email any pictures for publicity to Sandy who will be in Florida at that time. Peg will be doing the table decorations. Several members suggested having a poster and membership forms available at these meetings.

## **HISTORIAN**

No report

## **EX-OFFICIO**

Mari H. passed out information regarding the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary planning. She suggested having more than one event to honor our anniversary, one locally and perhaps one in Chicago. In addition to Mari, committee members are: Carole B.; Jo B., Harlene P., Barbara G., Anne S., and Jeanette Muench. Carole suggested that Betsi Orr might also be added to the committee. There was a suggestion that Barrington High School might be a venue for a members' present program in the future.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

The nominating committee is beginning their work. Members include: Mary H; Jane R; Alice Barry; and Ellen Young in addition to Carole. Our by-laws require two current board members and two members from the general membership. Carole asked members to let her know if they are interested in continuing to be a board member or

if they would like a different position on the board. Harlene suggested that there could be a sign up sheet at the Seminar Series to indicate interest in various positions. Carole would like to have a slate to present by January as the AIC would like that information by February.

There was a discussion about the cost of dry cleaning the tablecloths used at our functions. The cost was \$120.00 but that covered cleaning for eight tablecloths.

Our Board Outing will be on Thursday, December 3, 2009. We will be going to the Diamond Exhibit at the Field Museum which opens at 9:00 a.m. Lunch will be at the Mercat a la Planxa which is in the Blackstone Hotel at 1:00 p.m. Most members will be using public transportation to get to the city. Mary W. gave us the number of the CTA (888-968-7282) for member who may want to use the bus. Taxis are another option. For members who do not have senior passes, there is a day pass available at the train station for \$5.25. There is an additional charge to see the exhibit. Carole will confirm the lunch reservation times and will check with the museum about times to see the exhibit. She will email board members with the information.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

None

Mari H. moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Joan. Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

**The next meeting will be held on at 9:15 a.m. at the Barrington Public Library on January 27, 2010.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Jean Tittle  
Recording Secretary