

Westport Public Art Collections (WestPAC)

June 4, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Public meeting held at Westport Library, McCall Room 216

Minutes submitted by Barbara Wang

Attending in person: Anne Boberski, Ive Covaci, Jen Fridland, Barbara Wang, Tatyana Hixon, Emily Ziegler, Gali Katz, Kelcey Hix, Emma Quilhot, Alicia Neveloff, Hillary Blick, Dorothy Robertshaw, Amanda Krestor, Shelly Ramsay, Julie Colotti

Attending on zoom: Isobel Grodd

Approved Minutes from Previous Meeting May 14, 2025.

1. Membership Update

- Bio Submissions: Still an active process, expecting bios from new members. These are located on the Google drive database under “Resources: WestPAC Committee”
- Recruitment/New Members: Great attendance today from new members - Welcome and introductions
- Thank you to Ive as she steps down this month and Welcome to Jen as she steps up to Co-Chair with Anne going forward.

2. Collection/Accessions/Database updates

- Review of CTCO website and features. Tatyana distributed print copies of instructions for accessing.

3. Site Reports

- Spring 2025 Inventory: Reviewed status. Most sites complete except for CMS (and this is scheduled)
 - Review of missing items and steps to pursue in locating them.
- Learning Gallery rotations
 - CMS: receiving the Addario photographs from the Senior Center

4. Special Projects

- MoCA 2026 - Feb 26th - April 26th
 - Title approved: “Art, Jazz, and the Blues”. We reviewed proposal of works to be included, and reviewed loan works that have been requested to include.
 - MoCA will pay for transport of works, insurance, labeling
 - We need research and bios prepared
 - Learning Gallery space: “Music and Art Theories” abstraction

- Look to highlight Wilton/Dave Brubeck connection
 - Music performances to be coordinated by MoCA.
- TimeLine: November 4th is deadline for final layout; early December is labeling due date; Summer months needed for research.
- 60th Anniversary of WestPAC to be discussed. Look to consider celebration fundraising during the 2 month show.
- Westport Library: Exhibition of WestPAC photographs, Sheffer Gallery, opening Oct 15, 2025 to accompany StoryFest.
 - Opening Reception Oct 15th
 - “Every Picture Tells a Story”. Reviewed printout of proposed exhibit in Sheffer Gallery.
- WestPAC 60th Anniversary: briefly discussed opportunities to consider for fundraising and an accompanying event

5. Friends of WestPAC -

- Review of current budget, with money to be spent by June 30th.
 - Vote Approved to spend on 5 new frames and 2 rehinges at approx \$1200.
 - Still missing BMS and CES yearly contribution although this is being followed-up on.
- Review of next year’s budget and Approved the layout.
 - Request by Gali for new kits for reps, to budget for supplies for this. Goal will be to have ready for Fall. Budget addition for this Approved.

6. Member Announcements- no update at this time

7. Next Meeting -Wednesday September 10th, 12:00pm, WL