

**Brooks Memorial Library
Fine Arts Committee Meeting
December 3, 8:30 AM**

Present: Judith Bellamy, Pam Becker, Tom Murray, Christine deVallet; Helene Henry;
-- Staff: Jerry Carbone. Absent: Prudence Baird; Tracey Devlin.

1. Call to order: Pam Becker called the meeting to order at 8:33 AM.

2. Changes to the agenda: None

3. Public comment: None

4. Minutes of November 5 : were reviewed and no changes were offered. Jerry stated he would follow-up with John Gurney on the image for the certificate. Since Tracy was not present there was no report on the Webinar on Collection Assessment. Jerry has not seen Southern Vermont Living magazine on the newsstands yet. He will follow-up with Lynn Barrett.

5. Old Business

- **St. Johns Bible exhibit--Rory Minich.** Rory made a presentation on why he would like to see the St. John's Bible on exhibit in Brattleboro. He stated that Champlain College has purchased the multi-volume set of the Heritage edition of the bible, of which there are only 297 copies in print. The director of the Heritage Program will be working with Champlain to create an exhibit and wondered if he might be able to bring a volume to Brattleboro and present a talk. The committee was interested in this rather than borrowing a volume as had been proposed last year. The committee members agreed that we should discuss this possibility with David Alloway, director of the St. Johns Bible Heritage program. Jerry will report back to the committee at the January 7 meeting.
- **Fine Art Policy Review:** Judith provided copies of the edited BR9-18 Fine Arts Collection: Access and Photographing the collection. While the review was not complete it was decided that a log will be kept in the Fine Arts Storage room where all key holders will register when they are in the room. The review of the policies will continue next month.

6. New Business

- **Donation offer of paintings**— Ralph Pedicini has inherited paintings done by a Vermont artist, Pam Marron. After much discussion of the pros and cons of accepting such a gift , the committee decided not to accept them. While the paintings are valuable and by a Vermont artist, the landscapes are not of Vermont. Also, it is questionable whether they fit with our collection policy; more importantly, we do not have wall space to store such large works. The committee also discussed perhaps loaning the art work to a business or corporation, but this idea did not seem practical with our current policy. The committee directed Jerry to call Mr. Pedicini and discuss with him the possibility of the Friends of the Library acquiring the works and selling them in a fund raising event.

7. Other: None

8. Adjournment: Pam adjourned the meeting at 9:35.

NEXT MEETING: January 7, 8:30 AM