



**CONNECTING THE ARTS WITH THE COMMUNITY**

**Tuesday January 10, 2017 8:30 AM**

**NOTE LOCATION: NORWALK HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM**

January 10<sup>th</sup> 2017 – Minutes

Members in attendance - Helen Roman Gersten, Jennifer Bangser, Chris Bradley, Diane Jellerette, Janet Evelyn, Lynn Massey, Laurel Peterson

Location – Norwalk Historical Society Museum

Guests – Elsa Peterson Obuchowski – Oak Hills Golf Course , Jeanne Hard – Rowayton Artist Guild , Valerie Cooper – Principal & Fine Art Appraiser of Picture That Art Consultants

Members not in attendance : Jeff Price, Kathy Hebert, Rebecca Christopherson, Shruti Chalaman, Susan Wallerstein, Judith Bacal, Melissa Slattery, Lille Fortino

Chris Bradley announced the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Lit Crawl; it will take place April 4<sup>th</sup>.

Laurel P. is working on Raining Poetry at both of NCC's, campus, with NCC's poetry students. She is also working with Sherelle Harris to bring poetry to Norwalk Middle School Students. They will collect the student's poetry and have a contest in the Fall.

Laurel is also working with Jim Clark to write poetry to go along with his new album, there will be an event at the Main Library on April 1<sup>st</sup>

Jennifer B. attending the Walk Bridge meeting and gave us a briefing. The DOT is 30% through the design process. The DOT may not set aside 1% of the bridges budget to public Art. The wording in the statute says "Buildings" and Walk Bridge is well a bridge.

Diane J introduced Valerie Cooper, from Picture That Art Consultants. Valerie is the curator that was engaged by the Historical Society Museum to develop a new semi-permanent exhibit on WPA (Work Progress Administration) Federal Art Project/New Deal era Art. This exhibit will include Justin Gruelle's "Steamboat Days on the Mississippi", as well as other WPA items, and related historical information. The Historical Society Museum has conducted several meetings so far; these will continue in order to get community feedback on the exhibit. One goal of the exhibit is to educate the community on the WPA project. The exhibit is slated to open in the fall

Janet talk a little about Slow Art day, places under discussion are SoNo Train Station, Rowayton Arts Center and Fodor Farm. We also need a sub-committee to run this event.