

AGX meeting minutes February 19, 2017

In attendance

Douglas Urbank

Natalie Minik

Peaches Goodrich

David Reiter

Billy Palumbo

Janet Benn

Stefan Grabowski

Genevieve Carmel

Rob Todd

Sean Fisher

Joe Steele

Mike Piso

introductions to new members.

WORKSHOPS

Direct animation set for March 11th. Flyers presented at meeting. 3 people have signed up already. Can go to as many as 10 attendees. Janet to email her contacts as well as AGX list serv. People need to contact Janet directly to enroll.

Gen to share share facebook posts for workshop events. Doug will share to Fort point channel contacts.

Stefan-March 25th and 26th for 16 mm workshop.

Janet- Gateway is possibility for payments (via Dwolla). Need to ask Matt about credit card option. Checks, cash or paypal to AGX are all OK.

Gen/Stefan to flyer Harvard Square.

Roundtable discussion of good places to post flyers, Blic and Artist Craftsman in Central square, libraries etc.

Gen to make facebook posts for workshops. Gen to ask Brittany about newsletter via mailchimp.

Janet needs splice tape/splicers for workshop.

Gen to contact Boston Hassle once dates for workshops are set.

David volunteered some film stock for animation workshop.

Stefan-conversation about "teach/share" collaboration between AGX and Maya Erdelyi.

April 1st for Rob's workshop (Editing)

Optical Printer. Mike to follow up with Paul Turano to reschedule optical printer workshop (part 2).

SOMERVILLE OPEN STUDIOS (May 6th, 7th)

Mike Piso to get in touch with Erica Jones.

Third Life Studio and Washington Street Art Center not available that weekend, both have expressed interest in having AgX there.

Rob to screen “Line Describing a Cone” Wednesday February 22nd 9pm at AGX in Waltham. Will share to AGX list serv.

Next Works In Progress 2/26 2-5pm Tentative. Attendees encouraged to bring food/wine/beer.

FINANCE

Dues are static.

Doug expressed need to address unpaid dues as well as the need to engage new members. Doug will prepare a list of recent members that the Welcoming Working Group should follow up with.

Roundtable discussion with new members about reaching out. No changes to welcome committee proposed.

WEBSITE LAUNCH

Matt to let Gen know about date. Matt could still use feedback. Feedback needs to be e-mailed to him directly.

COMMITTEES

Stefan-need to list “working groups” on website to let members know how they can contribute to specific committees.

Need for “descriptors” for e-mail subject headers.

Sean to e-mail suggested list for e-mail headers.

Doug-members encouraged to add profile pictures.

UPDATE ON MAINTENANCE

Stefan-reporting for Ethan

Power-waiting for response from Susan Murphy. Doug will follow up with Susan Murphy.

Plumbing-responsibility of building maintenance.

No progress on fundraiser/Perk delivery.

INVENTORY/CATALOG

Stefan-reporting for Ethan

Ethan making progress on items inventoried on Website.

Need standardized codes for equipment.

Ethan previously using long serial numbers.

Stefan purchased labeler. Sean to help with simpler labeling system..

SMFA

Rob-no progress, waiting to hear back from Jane.

Rob had discussion with Julie Burros (Chief of Arts and Culture for City of Boston). Julie suggested AgX look into space close to ICA and AGX’s role in the space. Would include sharing with DER, Filmmakers Collaborative and others. City of Boston would finance the management of space.

March 1st will hear back about Boston Foundation grant.

No arts grant through Open Door yet.

Discussion about needs for workshops etc.

Stefan-e-mail from Local Cultural Council. New grant available (\$2500 per project). AGX may qualify for \$10k “programming” but need to clarify “programming”.

Friday 24th Cambridge Multicultural Arts Center (2nd street) has an informational meeting (webinar also).

Collaborative Workspace Grant “Mass Development” \$50k. Would cover power upgrades/key access upgrade, digital equipment purchases. Joe Steele to contact again to have “Mass Development” do a walk through at AGX. Deadline for application is in May. Rob to Reconvene Fundraising Working Group, re: MCC Development grant and others.

Menschel Hall, Harvard Art Museum. Sean to meet with Erin Northington to discuss possible screenings.

Waterworks Screening. Can repeat same idea as last year. Not clear if space wants AGX back.

Other locations discussed for possible screenings;
Church of the Advent in Back Bay (maybe do potluck here).
Third Life Studios, Somerville
Union Church of Boston
Unitarian Church of Jamaica Plain
Hyde Square task Force Space.

AGX film logo
Rob to create a b/w version.
Stefan to create a color version.

NEXT MEETING March 18th, Sat 1pm at AGX Waltham Tentative.
WIP 2/26 2-5pm tentative
Direct Animation Workshop 3/11 1-4pm
16 mm Workshop March 25, 26
Optical Printer Workshop TBD
Editing Workshop April 1st
Screening “Line describing a circle” 2/22 at AGX

Minutes taken by Bryan Mckeen