Virginia Humanities, Center for the Book
Book Arts Program
Coordinating Committee
January 17, 2023
Minutes

Attending: Lotta Helleberg, Nancy Kober, Erica Goldfarb, Lana Lambert, Elizabeth Teviotdale, Kevin McFadden, G. S. Goeb, Lyall Harris, Bonnie Bernstein, Addeane Caelleigh

The written agenda listed the suggestions and ideas from the November meeting.

Priorities for suggestion/ideas list

--Block Night: It is already running again, with Josef Beery taking the lead and members volunteering to opening the shop. Also, a show-and-tell feature has been added.

--Annual Members Collaborative Project: There were discussions about process, how it was organized in the past, mention of the tension between the approach of projects requiring high skills (which ends up with few members being able to complete it) versus the approach of requiring a wider level of skills (and having more participation). There was discussion of focusing on teams rather than individuals alone. Deciding on a project requires balancing the pros and cons of various approaches. – The group decided on the next step for the 2023 project: a small group will meet to decide the focus and specifications, etc., and then will send out the invitation to participate to all members. Nancy Krober, Bonnie Bernstein, Lana Lambert, Lyall Harris, and Lotta Helleberg volunteered to be part of that group.

--Artisan Studio Tour (usually held late October-early November): Erica has started the application process and will continue to collect information. Lotta will assist her with the “negotiations”.

--First Friday: Erica will get more information (especially about whether participants must be open each month or can participate irregularly. It was agreed that it might be better to wait until after the renovations.

Nancy Kober would like to pursue the Print Challenge idea.

Members like the idea of teaming up with a local bookstore to have an exhibit. General attendees will try to look into this.

Jefferson School Open House

Tenants are holding an open house on Thursday, January 19, from 3:00 to 5:00. It is being held in conjunction with a major Jefferson School event to be held that evening. Some members will do small demos.

Public Library How-To Festival

The fifth annual festival will be held Saturday, May 6, at the Central branch. Detailed information will be available in early February. The committee decided to participate again this year. Joseph Beery will
demonstrate printing, and other volunteers may help with the demo or with complementary activities. Addeane Caelleigh will coordinate with the Library organizers.

Renovations

The goal is to make the classroom better organized for classes and make the space more flexible for having lectures. Audio system will be improved. In the print shop space will be created for the donated European type. In the classroom, the counter under the windows will be taken out; tables will be changed to modular units on wheels; and display cases will be added. The work in the print shop will be the least disrupting, whereas the classroom work will take 2-3 weeks. The work will be done (or started?) sometime in March and April.

Membership

The topic will be taken up at a later meeting.

Next meeting: March 14, 5:00-6:00.

discussion of moving the meetings to 5:30 but the consensus was to keep it at 5 and make sure that members know that they can come late if they need to.