

KPL Trustees Fine Arts Committee Meeting

February 4, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm by Chair Judy Putnam. Present were Trustees Justin Somma, Jane Pitts, and Judy Putnam; committee member Kathleen Kennedy-Burke, and Staff Amy Kramer. Judy welcomed Jason to his first meeting of the Fine Arts Committee.

Jane moved to accept the minutes of January 7th. Kathleen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously (Jason abstaining)

Amy reported that she has still not found the exact display boards that she wants. Justin offered to do some more research as he has experience with setting up exhibits at Hannah Grimes.

Amy also reported that the Keene Middle School will be displaying students' artwork and that there will be a reception for the show on March 5th at 5:30. The show will be in place until March 26th. The students are designing the program for the show, and it was suggested that we might want to involve the Sentinel for a story. The High School will probably not have an exhibit this year as it is quite complicated for them.

We returned to last month's discussion of the possibility of using the Miller-Vincent room as a gallery space, with changing exhibits. We talked about how we might be able to hang a variety of different artwork. Justin had some suggestions, and he agreed to research ways of hanging a variety of artwork on the walls. We talked about how artists would be selected, who might jury the work, and the use

of local artists and art organizations. Organizations mentioned included Arts Alive, Monadnock Area Artists Association, Taryn Fisher Gallery, 78 ROX, and the League of New Hampshire Craftsman. No conclusions were reached.

Jane would like us to explore the use of the Atrium as a gallery space, as the Miller- Vincent Room and Faulkner Gallery areas have inherent problems for security and are somewhat hidden away. The Atrium has people passing through and staff in the area at all times, plus it's brightly lit. We will continue to consider the options and look for more possibilities for these projects.

Our next meeting will be on March 4th at 3:00 PM.

Judy Putnam

Chair, Fine Arts committee