

**NRAA Annual Meeting October 27, 2011
Minutes**

6:45 - Cristina (Secretary) arrived late, Gina was reading her treasurer's report when Cristina walked in.

6:50 - Reading of the Minutes by Cristina.

After reading the minutes, Cristina brought up a new venue idea. The Jewish Community Center of Westchester would like us to show there. The NRAA members seemed responsive and wanted to know more. BA suggested to do an email blast to see if there is any interest in showing there. The proposed dates are Jan/ 23rd thru Feb. 26, 2012.

7pm - Report of the Board - Ken Dinkle suggested a scholarship to be set up for high school students. Perhaps the NRAA can set up a scholarship show and offer a prize to the winners. This will be discussed further at a later time.

7:05 - Louise mentioned the NRAA juried show and was confused as to how it is juried then judged. She doesn't think it was fair somehow to have a separate jury and then a judge of awards. Sara, BA, Jesse and a few others responded and explained how having an outside juror after members select the art has always been handled in the past.

7:10 - Jesse reported on the *Chelsea Show*. Sad to have it end. This was the final show at New Century Artists. Two sales were made; Danielle LeBlanc sold a piece as well as Debra Solomon. The show was a success. December 3rd is the *Adolph Grant Award Show*, we are still in need of a judge, any suggestions? Jesse also brought up fundraising ideas and if anyone had any, please let us know. The T-shirts are doing well but we are looking for more ways to fundraise. Centennial plans are underway; the *Then and Now* themed show at CNR's Mooney Center is setting up June 14-15th. The show will run from June 16th-July 9th 2012. July 10th is the date we will take down the show. We need volunteers to help set up and take the show down. We are working on a visual history with Barbara Davis, city historian, and we are thinking of doing a poster or installation displaying the organization's timeline in graphic form (1912-2012). It was originally thought that the theme of this show would be New Rochelle related, but after discussion the show will include what the current members are doing or have submitted to Jesse when applying for the space in the early stages of planning. Work by founding members will be included when possible. The Brother Chapman Gallery at the Iona Arts Center will host our *Faces of America* show. The Serviceman project is a bit more flexible for hanging and pick up, Oct 28-31st will be the date to install. We may be able to hold a reception on Veterans Day 2012. The school is closed on VD so this will need to be confirmed. Also discussed was the gala celebration. We still need ideas. Selling tickets is a definite possibility. Gina and Sara suggested using the Hugh Doyle Senior Center as a venue and having the event catered.

7:28 - General business - We plan to put a Journal ad in the Dining for the Arts fundraising event. Good exposure for the us and NR.

7:30 - New business, Jerry Parmet (sculptor) was asking about a "rap session" for other sculptors to get together and share venue ideas, maybe have a critique session, Jesse responded with what was done in the past, and that it would be possible for this to happen again. Sara mentioned Gina Kingsley's beautiful installation at Trinity School and if you are in the area please check it out.

7:35 - in Closing, Jesse suggested having an outside curator choose the work for the CNR show.

7:55 - Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Cristina Cerone, Secretary, The New Rochelle Art Assoc.