

**FOR  
ART'S SAKE**  
SACRAMENTO

**“For Art’s Sake”  
Arts Education Committee Meeting**  
*Monday, August 24, 2009*  
8:45-9:45am, **Womens’** Wisdom Art Room

**Meeting Notes**

The first meeting of the Arts Education committee was attended by 20 people. Following introductions and brief discussion of the history/mission of the For Arts Sake initiative and the Committee’s role, committee chair Ruth Rosenberg led the group in a discussion of the current state of arts education, some additional people and groups who could be involved, and a discussion of potential focus areas.

**Current Status**

- Awareness of Need and value, very limited funding
- State categorical funding moves to district option
- Free community classes are full at agency
- Can utilize creative/economic advantages to educate public about relevancy
- Developed site based arts plans—Twin Rivers
- 24/7/365 arts infusion—flex
- Working with arts community
- Accessible Grass root arts
- Sacramento Area Youth Speaks (SAYS)
- Partnerships agreements between community agencies and teaching artists—40 agencies responded, funded 7
- School arts v. international
  - perspective (science/geology)
  - expansive-integration of disciplines
- Reach beyond Sacramento—‘arts in Sacramento’ focus
- What is ‘arts education in the schools’?
- Oakland’s ‘100 Families’
- Redefining arts
- Audience development for children and youth
- Cross cultural boundaries through building diversity & community
- Cultural + arts + professional development + community arts
- Mobilize ALL arts orgs under one umbrella
- National data indicate decrease in arts education
- Dallas and Oakland are centers—Wallace Foundation web site
- Keys to ENTER into school districts are missing

- Right now—URGENCY
- Diversity—cultural padlock
- ENGAGE Cultural crafts from diverse community
- Focus on adults—hands on for adults (turns to support for funding, advocacy at schools)

Focus

- Audit Process & Community Survey
  - To help make case
- Multi tiered Arts Education
  - K-8; Adult; community
- Cross Cultural
- Parents/Audiences

In attendance:

Ruth Rosenberg  
Lina Fat  
Sarah Anderberg  
Lisa Camhi  
Sherilene Chycoski  
Priscilla Enriquez  
Bonnie Hilarides  
Jean Holsten  
Erika Kraft  
Charlie Leo  
Jeffery Mason

Liv Moe  
Carlin Naify  
Helen Plenert  
Bonnie Plummer  
Stacey Sheinut-Hendrick  
Yvonne Soto  
Cynthia Speakman  
Rik Tillson  
Jim Vetter  
Sharon Gerber