

MCCPTA Committee Update – September/October 2007 Cultural Arts Committee Report

On Wednesday, September 12th, I met with Howard Spector, Director, Arts in Education, Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County, to learn about the organization and future plans. I will be attending meetings of the AHMC when time permits.

I took part in the Committee Fair at the Delegate Assembly on Tuesday, 9/25.

Three Cultural Arts Showcases have taken place on Thursday, 9/27; Monday, 10/1; and Thursday, 10/4. The last Showcase will take place on Thursday, 10/11 and has all new artists performing.

A Cultural Arts workshop was offered from 12:45-2pm during the MCCPTA Fall Training at Rockville High School on 9/29. Only two people came in from the gorgeous weather to attend, but Liz Wheeler stopped in and we had a very productive session.

Between the Showcases and the workshop, I have about 35 new people who asked to be added to the Cultural Arts listserv. If your Cultural Arts Chairs/Committee have not joined this listserv, please remind them it is extremely helpful. They can join by sending their name, school, and email to me (see address below).

Patti Twigg very kindly spent time one Sunday giving me computer lessons so I could take over the PTArts Listserv.

On Monday, October 1st, I spoke briefly at the MLK Middle School staff meeting about Cultural Arts and ways to get more artists into the school (i.e. in-school field trips, some available grants, sharing costs of a residency, etc.) without using up the Cultural Arts budget. The Principal also is encouraging the staff to try some of these methods.

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