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- Present: Debbie Quinones, Monica Tavares, Robert Rodriguez, Alexandra Vasallo, Ismael Nunez
- Absent: Donna Brueger, Martin Garcia, Celia Ramirez, Margie Roberts, Avril Surgeon
- Excused: Brunilda Vega, Carmen Villegas
- Guest(s): Ana Mingot, Ati Egas, Carlos Rosario, Brian Levinson, Eric Rivera

New/Old Business

East Harlem Arts Festival – Update

As the date of the East Harlem Arts Festival is fast approaching, the committee took this meeting as an opportunity to get an update on what is being planned thus far.

Representatives from El Museo Del Barrio came before the board and announced that they would be assisting with outreach through their e-newsletter and other networks that they have fostered. In addition they would help with family programming in White Park as well as targeted outreach to draw a younger crowd. They had hoped to be able to help with some of the programmatic duties that the stages will require but will not be able to do it this year.

Staff from State Senator Serrano’s office also gave an update on all the work they have been doing. For the Arts Symposium the location has been secured. The event will take place in the Reece School which is located on E 104th Street, between Fifth and Madison Aves, from 1-4pm. The Senator’s Office is working on developing the panels and has some speakers already confirmed.

Outreach material is being finalized and will be sent out shortly. In addition, there was some discussion about providing some healthy food options on the day of the festival. The Senator’s

staff will be working in conjunction with the board office and Alexandra Vasallo to make this happen.

Planning for the Arts Festival is also going along fairly smoothly with the current focus being put on outreach and fundraising. Art for Change will be taking part in the event and will be programming one of the two stages. The event is now being sponsored by Manhattan Community Board 11, State Senator Jose M. Serrano and Art for Change.

Adjournment

Debbie Quinones moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Monica Tavares and passed unanimously.