



CHESHIRE PERFORMING FINE ARTS COMMITTEE

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CHESHIRE PERFORMING & FINE ARTS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2009

7:30 PM AT ARTSPLACE

1220 Waterbury Road

Cheshire, CT 06410

Committee Members Present:

Donna Mark
Roxie Gordon
Hilary Rutberg
Donna Lodynsky
Denise Lohr
Pat Pfurr
Nancy Bussmann
Bob Averack (arr. 7:46 pm)

Committee Members Absent:

Nancy Burt
Ophelia Frazier
Jackie Townes

Others Present:

Joan Pilarczyk, Artsplace Director
Sandy Petela, Deputy Director, Parks & Rec

1. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

A quorum was present for this meeting.

2. CALL TO ORDER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Chairwoman Lodynsky called the meeting to order at 7:42 p.m. All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. WELCOME AND REMARKS – Donna Lodynsky, Chair

4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Chairwoman Lodynsky announced that she had received information from Dr. Luigi DiRubba regarding his chiropractic practice. She also mentioned that a martial arts safety symposium announced last month called her to confirm that the announcement was made at the last meeting. Ms. Bussmann announced the Art Forms Gallery Viewing at the Palace Theater on Friday, April 3.

5. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 17, 2009, MINUTES

Ms. Lodynsky had the following correction be made to the February 17, 2009, minutes: remove “an available bank,” and add “on” before “Airborne.” Ms. Bussmann made a motion that the minutes be approved as amended and Ms. Lohr seconded the motion, which was then approved unanimously.





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6. **TREASURER'S REPORT – Hilary Rutberg for Ophelia Frazier**

Approximately 60% of this year's budget has been expended. Ms. Pilarczyk announced she is about to do payroll for winter session, so numbers will change.

7. **SECRETARY'S REPORT – Roxie Gordon**

There was nothing new to report

8. **ART CHALLENGE – Donna Mark**

Ms. Mark thanked the theatre group for assistance on March 8; will finish adult kit preparation on March 15. Ms. Pilarczyk distributed flyers with Art Challenge information; discussion ensued. Sponsors have been secured: Dick Blick (\$250) and Diagnostic Radiology Associates (\$1,000); these funds will be used for prizes. Postcards have been ordered (quantity 1,000 for \$270) and will be delivered March 13; mailing will be limited to art centers. Labels have been ordered for the kits; Ms. Mark will apply labels or they can be applied by volunteers on March 15. Ms. Rutberg indicated that adult kits must be numbered ahead of time; small round labels will be numbered and affixed to kits. Children's kits are already numbered. Parent volunteers are needed for Artsday, but not for the March 15 adult Art Challenge kickoff. All judges are confirmed. Committee members can enter but can't win; however, committee spouses or children can enter and/or win. Auctioneers are Bob Ceccolini and Michael Milone. Some completed pieces will be sold by regular auction, others by silent auction. Submitted items will be displayed at Town Hall and Library; if necessary, Senior Center can be used. Ms. Mark asked Mr. Averack and Ms. Townes to handle questions from theatre people. On April 21, completed art will be picked up from Artsplace and moved to display locations by 2:30 p.m.; volunteers for this activity will meet at 8:30-9:00 a.m. and load cars. Theatre parents can help move children's and adults' completed pieces.) Author Chris Bohjalian's "meet the author" event at the Library on April 22 may increase Art Challenge audience. Winners' pieces will be displayed at different locations. Various prizes to be solicited were discussed; Committee members will follow up individually. On April 20, judges will meet at Artsplace at 3 p.m. Ms. Mark, Ms. Rutberg, and Ms. Lodynsky will be present during for judging. Children's prizes are as follows: best overall in each age group, then additionally, from all children's submissions, Most Humorous, Best Abstract, Most Transformed, and Best Use of Materials. On Friday, May 1, there will be a silent auction at Artsplace from 4:00 to 7:30 p.m.; all children's artwork will be moved to Artsplace and set up that morning. Adult submissions will be taken to the kitchen at the youth center (estimated move times 10:00 to 11 a.m.). On Saturday, May 2, the room at the youth center is being used; artwork can be placed in the kitchen and/or Ms. Petala's office until the room is available for setup. Ms. Mark will prepare information cards for the auctioneers. Tickets to the auction have been printed but not yet trimmed; Ms. Mark will trim; each kit will contain one ticket, and additional tickets will be available for \$10.00.





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9. ARTSPLACE REPORT – Joan Pilarczyk

- a. **Clothesline Art Show** – In total, 19 staff, volunteers, teachers, aides, etc., were present; total expenses were \$264.91 (\$196.00 for teachers/materials, and \$68.91 for food).
- b. **CPFA/Town Council Budget Meeting** is scheduled for March 26, 6:30 p.m. Some programs/services may need to be reduced or eliminated. Town Manager Michael Milone has asked Ms. Pilarczyk and Bob Ceccolini to meet with him the morning of March 11.
- c. **Winter 2009 Class Report** – The session is proceeding well; do instructor payroll soon.
- d. **Spring Registration Report** – 124 students as of March 10 (spring totals for 2008 and 2007 were 280 and 239, respectively).
- e. **Beautification Committee Meeting Report** – On March 4, received approval for \$250 for GC Electrical to hook up irrigation system, and for \$500 for 1”x1” lattice to cover air conditioning units and oil tank in front of Artsplace.
- f. **Art Heals** has a new client.
- g. **Pina Jaroslow Scholarship** – Discussion took place regarding how many flyers to provide to each school. A suggestion was made to post the information in the school libraries and on Channel 16.
- h. Two cabinets have been offered to Artsplace by the Registrar of Voters; we will ask for both.
- i. A building supervisor will not be necessary for the March 22 adult kit kickoff at Artsplace; four Committee members will be present. The Cheshire Herald ad for the Art Challenge will be paid from Art Challenge funds.

10. THEATRE SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT – Bob Averack

“We met, we talked, we agreed!” There is now a full team for Cheshire Youth Theatre; all primary production positions have been filled, including an advertising manager selected March 10. For Comedy 101, some positions are still pending; should all be selected by the April 21 meeting. Scripts have been ordered and rights secured for both shows. Thanks were expressed to Ms. Mark, Ms. Townes and the 10 parents and numerous children who helped to prepare Art Challenge children’s kits. Pam Averack, CYT producer, is wrangling CYT parents to help on Artsday. Chairwoman Lodynsky requested that a flyer for auditions be passed out on Artsday; Ms. Rutberg suggested a board on an easel with this info. Ms. Bussmann reminded that ages for those trying out should be indicated. Ms. Lodynsky asked for assistance for auditions on Saturday, April 4, from 5:30-7:30 p.m., and Sunday, April 5, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Ms. Gordon, Ms. Petela, Ms. Lodynsky, and Ms. Lohr would likely be able to be present both days; Ms. Pfurr would be available on Sunday.





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11. OLD BUSINESS

a. CROBOT Programming Sub-Committee – Donna Lodynsky

Author Chris Bohjalian's "meet the author" event for the public will take place at Cheshire Public Library on April 22. A dowser will be coming to Mixville Park at the large pavilion on April 18, from 10:00-11:30 a.m. Ann Torrey and others have prepared a brochure for letterboxing. Jerry and Donna Lodynsky are working on the placement with information on these events to be distributed for use at in-town restaurants.

b. Artsday, March 22 – Donna Lodynsky and Denise Lohr

Chairwoman Lodynsky distributed a schedule and other pertinent information.

c. Signs – Donna Lodynsky

Chairwoman Lodynsky expressed thanks to Artsplace intern Kellie Mastrianni for painting two large signs for Artsday.

d. The next meeting will take place on April 21.

12. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Bussmann made a motion to adjourn; Ms. Lohr seconded, and the vote was unanimous to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted:
Elizabeth G. Augustine
Interim Recording Secretary

