



## CHESHIRE PERFORMING FINE ARTS COMMITTEE

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### CHESHIRE PERFORMING AND FINE ARTS COMMITTEE MEETING

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON  
TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2009, 7:30 PM,  
AT ARTSPLACE  
1220 Waterbury Road  
Cheshire, CT 06410**

**Committee Members Present:** Bob Averack, Nancy Burt, Nancy Bussmann, Ophelia Frazier, Roxsolana Gordon, Donna Lodynsky, Jackie Townes

**Committee Members Absent:** Denise Lohr, Pat Pfurr, Hilary Rutberg

**Others Present:** Joan Pilarczyk, Artsplace Director, Sandy Petela, Deputy Director, Park & Rec

**I. CALL TO ORDER:** Chairwoman Donna Lodynsky called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

**II. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:** A quorum was present for this meeting.

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IV. WELCOME AND REMARKS:** Chairwoman Donna Lodynsky.

**V. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:** Chairwoman Lodynsky introduced a guest, Mrs. Donna Myjak, to the committee and welcomed her to meeting.

**VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** June 16, 2009 – Regular Meeting

**MOTION** by *Nancy Bussmann* to accept the minutes of the June 16, 2009 regular meeting with the corrections noted below; **SECONDED** by *Roxie Gordon*.

**CORRECTIONS to the June 16, 2009 minutes:** Page 4, item 12, the correct spelling is Weber; Page 4, item 13, the correct spelling is Lodynsky.

### **VII. TREASURER'S REPORT – Ophelia Frazier**

No treasurer's report given due to it being the 14<sup>th</sup> day of the new FY budget. Waiting for 13<sup>th</sup> month Report to finalize fiscal year ending June 30, 2009.





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### VI. SECRETARY'S REPORT – Roxsolana Gordon

- A. Cheshire Relay for Life – sent a thank you note acknowledging \$65.00 Gift Certificate for a class at Artsplace.
- B. Superintendent of Cheshire Schools Dr. Greg Florio – sent a thank you note to thank for the assistance provided to the Cheshire High School in the 2008/2009 school year by Joan Pilarczyk.

### VII. THEATRE REPORT – Bob Averack

- A. **CYT Production 2009 –**
- B. **LOL Production 2009 -**

-Tuesday the 14<sup>th</sup> is first night in costume and Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup> first dress rehearsal.

-Marcus Hamilton has recused himself from filming this years production.

-Hope Marshall will be doing the photographs of the company this year.

-It was noted that three more volunteers are needed for coverage of various stations.

-Chairperson Lodynsky mentioned that Natalie Crochetiere was invited to attend one of the evenings to be officially given a scholarship check; Joan Pilarczyk suggested that a large sized check be made by interns at Artsplace to be used on a yearly basis as part of this ceremony.

**MOTION** by *Jackie Townes* moved that the committee fund the “seed” money for the two shows, CYT and Comedy 101, 2009 from the Escrow Account to be repaid at the end of the season; **SECONDED** by *Nancy Bussmann*.

-It was suggested that next year the Friends group or some other appropriate 501C3 organization be asked to hold a raffle for the theatre group during the play.

-Members noted that more posters advertising the two plays need to be distributed at businesses and other locations in town.

-It was recommended that complimentary tickets be provided to the Cheshire Social Services to make it possible for an entire local family who may not be able to afford the tickets to receive complimentary ones to enable them to see the OZ play.





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-Jackie Townes noted that stuffed monkeys have been purchased, wings have been sewn on them and they have been put into bags tied with plastic red shoes that will be sold as “Flying Monkeys” at the Oz production. Books of the Wizard of OZ will also be available for sale.

-Bob Averack mentioned that the programs have been proofread and are ready.

-It was noted that articles have been sent to and published in the Record Journal and the Cheshire Herald.

-Dates for the 2010 productions were scheduled: July 15-17 2010 for CYT and July 22-24<sup>th</sup>, 2010 for LOL.

**MOTION** by *Bob Averack* to suspend the regular meeting scheduled for the August, 2009 as a thank you gesture to the entire committee for its hard work provided to the Theatre group in its efforts produce the two shows this year;  
**SECONDED** by *Ophelia Frazier*.

### VIII. ARTSPLACE REPORT – Joan Pilarczyk

- A. *Summer Class Session Report* – there are currently 150 students enrolled as opposed to the 116 students of last year.
- B. *Artsplace Calendar* – Ann Hearn will be working on scheduling 2009 Art Shows
- C. *Kensett Booklet* – The booklet will cover a year in the life of Kensett as a young boy living in Cheshire in 1825, with two pages per month for a total of 24.
- D. *Connecticut Community Foundation* – Beth Cressy will be working with the coordinator from the Foundation and preparing paperwork for consideration of funding the Kensett booklet.
- E. *Exterior Sign* – Sean Murphy is finishing sign, which is in two piece one advertising Artsplace and a supplementary piece memorializing “Mr. Rochfort”. A celebration and grand opening needs to be scheduled – two dates are proposed: Tuesday September 15<sup>th</sup> or Friday September 25<sup>th</sup>. Invitations will be extended to Sean Murphy, the Town Council, Artsplace teachers, Members of the Cheshire Beautification Committee.

**IX. OLD BUSINESS:** No old business to discuss.





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### X. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Pam Averack asks for assistance in changing costumes during the Oz Production. It was recommended by members that the Costumer from “Zombie Prom” to coordinate volunteers as costume helpers.
- B. Invitation has been extended by the Cheshire Chamber of Commerce to the Committee to be a sponsor for the Fall Festival by manning a booth. Committee members noted that that would be impossible due to it being a town commission.

### XI. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION** by *Nancy Bussmann* to adjourn the meeting at 9:20; **SECONDED** by *Ophelia Frazier*.

Respectfully submitted:  
Agnes Wnuk  
Interim Recording Secretary

