



CHESHIRE PERFORMING FINE ARTS COMMITTEE

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CHESHIRE PERFORMING AND FINE ARTS COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, November 15, 2016, 7:00 PM

Artsplace

1220 Waterbury Road

Cheshire, CT 06410

Committee Members Present: Monique D'Onofrio, Ophelia Frazier, Joyce Karklel,
Donna Lodynsky, Denise Lohr, Donna Myjak, Jackie Townes

Others Present: Joan Pilarczyk (Director, Artsplace)
Signian McGeary, proposed committee member

Absent: Ramona Burkey (Director, Cheshire Public Library)
Patti Flynn-Harris (Representative, Cheshire Town Council)
Donna Mark (President, Friends of CPFA/Artsplace, Inc.)
Leslie Hutchison (Committee member)
Youchung Torok (Committee member)
Jill Veiga (Committee member)

1. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM - A quorum was present for this meeting.

2. CALL TO ORDER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Chairwoman Lodynsky called meeting to order at 7:13 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. WELCOME REMARKS - Donna Lodynsky, Chairperson.

Ms. Lodynsky welcomed committee members to the monthly meeting and thanked members for their kind wishes. Ms. Lodynsky thanked Ms. Townes for researching and arranging the holiday craft night.

4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION – No Communications.

5. APPROVAL of October 18, 2016 Minutes

Minutes of the October 18th were not perused nor accepted.





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6. TREASURER'S REPORT – Ms. Ophelia Frazier

- a. Ms. Frazier noted that the budget is on target.

Ms. Townes made a motion to deposit the \$130.00 from the Rocky Horror Picture Show into the Gift Account. Ms. Karklel seconded the motion. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Ms. Myjak to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Ms. Lohr. The Motion Passed.

7. SECRETARY'S REPORT – Ms. Donna Myjak

- a. No report.

8. LIBRARY DIRECTOR REPORT – Ms. Pilarczyk for Ms. Burkey

- a. No Report.

9. ARTSPLACE REPORT – Ms. Joan Pilarczyk

- a. Ms. Pilarczyk mentioned the need for upgraded wireless speakers for the upstairs room.
- b. Ms. Pilarczyk reported that the stairs off of room three will be updated Spring 2017. And a sidewalk will be installed in the back of Artsplace.
- c. Ms. Pilarczyk mentioned that there are 402 students in the Fall 2016 Session.
- d. The winter schedule is printed. There will be a workshop in February celebrating the arts and literacy at the Cheshire Public Library. There will be a workshop for children and one for adults.
- e. The first Holiday Art Bazaar will be held on Saturday and Sunday December 3rd and 4th. The proceeds benefit the CPFA Scholarship. Artsplace asks attendees to bring donations for the Cheshire Food Bank collection.
- f. Again this year Artsplace is holding the "Giving Tree" collecting art supplies that will be donated to the Cheshire Social Services.
- g. Artsplace is also collecting pajamas and books for the "Pajama Program". Items can be delivered to Artsplace by December 12th.
- h. Artsday will be held on March 12, 2017 with the theme of "Under the Sea".

10. Friends of CPFA/Artsplace, Inc. – Ms. Donna Mark

- a. No Report.





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11. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Ms. Pilarczyk reported to the committee about the *Ball & Socket Arts* “Let in the Light” Exhibit and Opening which was held on Sunday, September 18th. The event was very well attended. Artsplace had a table at the event and many Artsplace teachers and students had their artwork featured at the exhibit.

12. NEW BUSINESS

- a. A Motion passed to add an item to the agenda:

Ms. Karklel made a motion that we add another item to the agenda to discuss the theater Program presently run at Parks and Recreation Department.

Mrs. Pilarczyk read a letter to the committee from Sandy Patela (Deputy Director Parks & Recreation Department, addressed to Ms. Burkey (Director, Cheshire Public Library, Mrs. Lodynsky (Chair, CPFA and Mrs. Pilarczyk (Director, Artsplace) asking that we share the information with the committee.

The letter outlined the history of Cheshire Youth Theatre and the involvement of Cheshire Parks and Recreation and CPFA. It also discussed the possibility of Artsplace and CPFA taking the program back from Cheshire Parks & Recreation into their programming. A discussion followed and will be discussed in the future.

- b. Ms. Lodynsky updated the committee on the 2016/2017 Richard Conrad Scholarship with the new deadlines which were provided by Mrs. Generous, Director of the CHS Career Center. Mrs. Myjak will continue to chair the scholarship sub-committee which will continue to include Ms. Torok and Ms. Frazier.
- c. Next CPFA Meeting at Artsplace will be held on Tuesday, December 6, 2016, at 6:00pm.

13. ADJOURNMENT

*Ms. Myjak made a motion to adjourn; Ms. Lohr seconded the Motion.
Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:29 P.M.*

Respectfully submitted by,

Agnes Wnuk

