



## CHESHIRE PERFORMING FINE ARTS COMMITTEE

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### CHESHIRE PERFORMING AND FINE ARTS COMMITTEE MEETING

**Tuesday, April 18, 2017, 7:00 PM**

**Artsplace**

**1220 Waterbury Road**

**Cheshire, CT 06410**

**Committee Members Present:** Monique D'Onofrio, Leslie Hutchison, Joyce Karklel, Denise Lohr, Donna Lodynsky, Signian McGeary, Donna Myjak

**Others Present:** Patti Flynn-Harris (Representative, Cheshire Town Council)  
Joan Pilarczyk (Director, Artsplace)

**Absent:** Ramona Burkey (Director, Cheshire Public Library)  
Ophelia Frazier (Committee member)  
Donna Mark (President, Friends of CPFA/Artsplace, Inc.)  
Youchung Torok (Committee member)  
Jackie Townes (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**

Mrs. Lodynsky (chairwoman) called meeting to order at 7:55 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. WELCOME REMARKS** – Chairwoman Donna Lodynsky welcomed members and welcomed a special guest, Kristen Mellitt, from the *Arts and Culture Collaborative*, from the Waterbury Region, covering 16 local towns, supporting theater, dance, visual arts and museums. Ms. Lodynsky thanked Ms. Pilarczyk for inviting artist Gina Caldwell to do a flower art demonstration and to artist Rita Paradis for assisting.

**4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION** – No Communications.

**5. APPROVAL of March 7, 2017 Minutes**

*Ms. Karklel made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 7th Meeting as is, Ms. Lohr seconded the motion. One abstention.*

**6. TREASURER'S REPORT** – Ms. McGeary for Ms. Ophelia Frazier





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- a. Ms. McGeary asked if members had any questions. Ms. Pilarczyk mentioned that due to extra programs running this year Artsplace will be over the budget, however offset by increased revenue.

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

### **7. SECRETARY'S REPORT – Ms. Donna Myjak**

- a. Ms. Myjak reported receiving an invitation to a fundraiser for New Reach organization.

### **8. LIBRARY DIRECTOR REPORT – Ms. Pilarczyk for Ms. Ramona Burkey**

- a. The Cheshire Public Library is in the midst of renovations of the upper level and a new bathroom.
- b. Artsplace will partner with the library on two upcoming programs this summer.

### **9. ARTSPLACE REPORT – Ms. Joan Pilarczyk**

- a. Ms. Pilarczyk mentioned that 280 students are currently enrolled in Spring classes, up from 271 last year.
- b. The summer intern is secured and will work for 40 hours a week for 5 weeks. She is a student at Butler University in Indiana. Joan also applied for a unpaid high school intern through the Sacred Heart Academy summer program.
- c. Dodd Middle School invited Artsplace for their annual “Discover Dodd Day” which three thousand attended last year. It was decided to forego participation this year in order to gather more information and presentation of programs for 2018 Dodd Day.
- d. Ball & Socket Arts is holding Plein Air Sundays this summer starting in May. Artsplace will have a table at the event. CPFA members will help out at each Sunday. Dates include May 21, June 18, July 16 and Aug. 20, from 9am to 12pm. Artist RSVP on Ball & Socket EVENT page appreciated.
- e. Ms. Patti Flynn-Harris is organizing a mural to be painted on the *Lyon & Billard* building facing the Farmington Canal Greenway.

### **10. Friends of CPFA/Artsplace, Inc. – No Report**

### **11. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. The ARTSDAY event, held from 1:00 to 4:00 pm at the Cheshire Academy on March 12, 2017 with the theme of “Under the Sea” was a great success. 357 people attended in the first hour, with a total event attendance of 620. Ms. Karklel noted that next year will be the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual ARTSDAY with a theme of “Look Up”.

- b. Ms. Karklel reported that \$558.60 was raised at the ARTSDAY event.





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*Ms. Karklel made a motion that the \$558.60 raised from ARTSDAY be donated to CPFA Scholarship Fund. Ms. Signian McGeary seconded the motion. The motion passed.*

c. Ms. Denise Lohr presented the 2017/2018 slate for voting for the following positions:

Ms. Donna Lodynsky for Chairperson

Ms. Jill Veiga for Vice-chairperson

Ms. Donna Myjak for Secretary

Ms. Signian McGeary for Treasurer

*Ms. Lohr made a motion to vote for the nominees as presented. Ms. Karklel seconded, the members voted and the motion passed.*

d. Ms. Myjak, on behalf of The Scholarship Sub-Committee, presented their two recommendations to the committee for the 2017-2018 Richard Conrad CPFA Scholarship. The results were decided with the essay, financial need and grades in mind. The recipients will be awarded on May 16<sup>th</sup> at the Cheshire High School Awards Event.

*Ms. Myjak made a motion to accept the two proposed names for the 2017 recipients of the Richard Conrad CPFA Scholarship. Ms. Lohr seconded the motion. The motion passed.*

### 12. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Ms. Pilarczyk asked members that they contemplate proposals for recipients for the 2017 *Richard Conrad Annual Arts Award*. The award would be presented at an upcoming Town Council Monthly Meeting.
- b. Ms. Pilarczyk noted that the upcoming July Art Exhibit at the Cheshire Public Library will be artwork that is inspired by photography. Students in spring classes at Artsplace will be given several photos from which to create artworks in any medium.
- c. Next CPFA Meeting at Artsplace will be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2017, at 7:00 pm.

### 13. ADJOURNMENT

*Ms. McGeary made a motion to adjourn; Ms. D'Onofrio seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 9:05 P.M.*

Respectfully submitted by,  
Agnes Wnuk

