



## CHESHIRE PERFORMING FINE ARTS COMMITTEE

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### CHESHIRE PERFORMING AND FINE ARTS COMMITTEE MEETING

**Tuesday, May 16, 2017, 7:30 PM**

**Artsplace**

**1220 Waterbury Road**

**Cheshire, CT 06410**

**Committee Members Present:** Monique D'Onofrio, Ophelia Frazier, Leslie Hutchison, Joyce Karklel, Denise Lohr, Donna Lodynsky, Signian McGeary, Donna Myjak, Youchung Torok, Jackie Townes, Jill Veiga

**Others Present:** Patti Flynn-Harris (Representative, Cheshire Town Council)  
Donna Mark (President, Friends of CPFA/Artsplace, Inc.)  
Joan Pilarczyk (Director, Artsplace)

**Absent:** Ramona Burkey (Director, Cheshire Public Library)

**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 7:35 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. WELCOME REMARKS** – Chairwoman Donna Lodynsky welcomed members and mentioned that Mr. Bob Ceccolini will be retiring from the Cheshire Parks and Recreation Department. The Town is hosting a retirement party Wednesday May 24<sup>th</sup>, reservations are due by May 21<sup>st</sup>.

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

**5. APPROVAL of April 18, 2017 Minutes**

1. 3. *Should read:* "...Kristen Mellitt, from the *Arts and Culture Collaborative*, from the Waterbury Region..."

2. 6.a. *Should read:* "Ms. Pilarczyk mentioned that due too extra programs running this year Artsplace will be over the budget, however, it will be offset by increased revenue."

*Ms. Hutchison made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 18th Meeting with corrections, Ms. Lohr seconded the motion. There were two abstentions.*

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

- a. Ms. McGeary asked if members had any questions. The Gift Account was reviewed. The names of the CPFA Scholarship recipients were revealed as: 1<sup>st</sup> place \$750.00 prize went to Cassandra Calabrese, who will be attending the Lyme Academy of Fine Arts and the second place \$250.00 prize went to Emily Paige Lennon.

*A motion was made by Ms. Karklel to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Ms.*





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*Torok. The Motion Passed.*

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

- a. Ms. Myjak reported receiving a thank you card from Ms. Nancy Burt, who received a fruit arrangement from the Committee.
- b. Ms. Myjak read out the information concerning the Cheshire Historical Society's Alice Washburn House Tour, on Sunday May 21st. The Suburban Garden Club will have special floral arrangements at these houses.

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

- a. The Cheshire Public Library is in the midst of preparing for the Summer 2017 Season whose theme this year is "Build a Better World".
- b. The Civic Engagement Fair will be held on Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- c. Despite budget cuts the Library is finding ways to provide excellent service to their public.
- d. The director thanked the many groups and individuals who helped beautify the grounds of the library with plantings.
- e. The library is evaluating programs based on outcomes, by using patron surveys.
- f. The Friends of the Library Book Sale raised \$11,600.00 for library programs.

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

- a. Spring Classes have over 325 registrations and most will finish by the first week of June.
- b. Ms. Pilarczyk reported that the new stairs on the left side of the building have been poured and the sidewalk around the building is completed. Smoke and Carbon Monoxide detectors are being installed throughout the building and hooked up directly to the Fire Station. The system will be operational in the next two weeks. Many thanks to Public Works for repairing the lights on the Artsplace sign along route 70.
- c. The Artsplace Summer Brochure is being distributed to current students, and is also available outside Artsplace, the library and Town Hall. Online registration begins May 22, 2017. Classes, camps and workshops will run from June 24<sup>th</sup> to July 29<sup>th</sup>.
- d. "It doesn't look like the photo" Teacher and Student art show will be held at the Cheshire Public Library this July 1-29. This year's theme involves students and teacher participants are using three photographs as inspiration. The reception is July 11th from 7-8pm and CPFA board members will assist in setup and greeting the public..
- d. Ball & Socket Arts is holding Plein Air Sundays this summer starting May 21st. Artsplace will have a table at the event and will be supplying 25 kits for children to use including paper, and colored pencils. CPFA members assist each Sunday of Plein Air Art. Dates are May 21, June 18, July 16 and Aug. 20, from 9am to 12pm.
- e. Ms. Patti Flynn-Harris is organizing a mural to be painted on the *Lyon & Billard Lumber* building facing the Farmington Canal Greenway.

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





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- a. The 2017 Author Event will take place on October 11<sup>th</sup>.
- b. Ms. Mark has sent copies of the Kensett Book to 60 national museums and received requests from 3 museums for copies for future sales in their gift shops.
- c. The Friends will be reprinting the Kensett book this year.

### 11. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Members recommended people to be considered for the Dick Conrad Arts Award for 2017. Discussion ensued.

### 12. NEW BUSINESS

- a. The Arts and Culture Collaborative, Waterbury Region, meeting will take place on 9:00 am on September 26<sup>th</sup> at Artsplace.
- b. Ms. Townes mentioned that the Columbus Arts Festival will take place at the Christopher Columbus Family Academy of New Haven, in June from 9:00 to 1:00.
- c. Ms. Karklel mentioned a Pottery Paint Night Fundraiser, to be held on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at Bethany Town Hall.
- d. Ms. Hutchison mentioned that the art class at Cheshire Academy again created paintings based on John Frederick Kensett.
- e. Ms. Pilarczyk noted that Ms. Patti Hartmen will be working with the Ball & Socket Arts.
- f. Ms. Lohr mentioned that season tickets are available for the Seven Angles Theatre 2017/2018 upcoming season.
- g. Next CPFPA Meeting at Artsplace will be held on Tuesday, June 20, 2017, at 7:00 pm.

### 13. ADJOURNMENT

*Ms. Townes made a motion to adjourn; Ms. Myjak seconded the Motion.  
Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.*

Respectfully submitted by,

Agnes Wnuk

