



## CHESHIRE PERFORMING FINE ARTS COMMITTEE

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### CHESHIRE PERFORMING AND FINE ARTS COMMITTEE MEETING

**Tuesday, June 20, 2017, 7:30 PM**

**Artsplace**

**1220 Waterbury Road**

**Cheshire, CT 06410**

**Committee Members Present:** Monique D'Onofrio, Ophelia Frazier, Denise Lohr,  
Donna Lodynsky, Signian McGeary, Youchung Torok,

**Others Present:** Donna Mark (President, Friends of CPFA/Artsplace, Inc.)  
Joan Pilarczyk (Director, Artsplace)

**Absent:** Ramona Burkey (Director, Cheshire Public Library)  
Patti Flynn-Harris (Representative, Cheshire Town Council)  
Leslie Hutchison (Committee Member)  
Joyce Karklel (Committee Member)  
Donna Myjak (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**

Chairwoman Lodynsky called meeting to order at 7:45 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. WELCOME REMARKS** – Chairwoman Donna Lodynsky welcomed members and thanked them for helping at the Ball & Socket Arts Plein Air event the past Sunday.

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

**5. APPROVAL of May 16, 2017 Minutes**

10. a. *Should read: ...*”with Connecticut author Kristan Higgins.”

*Ms. Lohr made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 16th Meeting with corrections, Ms. McGeary seconded the motion.*

**6. TREASURER'S REPORT – Ms. McGeary**

a. Ms. McGeary mentioned that revenue was up by \$32,000 in the fiscal year. Members reviewed the financial report.





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*Ms. McGeary made a motion for reimbursement for Joan Pilarczyk's expenditure of \$140.00, cost broken down to \$100.00 for Bill Bunomino to fill planters and \$40.00 for Four O'Clock plants for Michaela's Garden (Receipts provided) from the Memorial Fund.*

*Ms. Frazier seconded the motion.*

There was a discussion about sign design and their wording to be used for recipients of the CPFA Memorial Fund. A Motion was proposed:

*Ms. Frazier made a motion that a plaque saying "Courtesy of CPFA Memorial Fund" with donors names added in the future be made, not to exceed \$100.00 from the CPFA Memorial Fund. Ms. Torok seconded the motion.*

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

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

- a. Ms. Lodynsky noted that a "thank you note" was received from Emily Lennon, the Cheshire High School Senior and recipient of a CPFA Scholarship, who will be attending Pratt Institute this September.

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

- a. The Cheshire Public Library is participating in the national "Outside the Lines: Libraries Reintroduced" initiative which works to show the public the library's relevance today.
- b. The library is understaffed due to personnel departures and will not be open on Saturdays this summer.
- c. The library budget is lower for the new fiscal year which may curtail book purchases and the interlibrary loan program..
- d. The director noted that the reconfiguration of the building will continue this fall/winter.
- e. The library is formulating a *Building Use Policy* document.
- f. The director and deputy director will be attending the American Library Association Annual Conference in Chicago.

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

- a. Ms. Pilarczyk noted that Ms. Deb Rutter provided eight library volunteers (members of the CHS Robotics Team) to weed the gardens at Artsplace.
- b. Ms. Pilarczyk thanked Ms. Roxy Gordon for donating round tables and matching table cloths.
- c. Ms. Rita Paradis and Ms. Pilarczyk will be hanging the annual *Artsplace Student & Teacher Art Show* this coming Friday, June 30<sup>th</sup> at the Cheshire Public Library.
- d. The Summer Session will begin Saturday June 24<sup>th</sup>.
- e. The two summer interns, from Sacred Heart and Butler Universities have been extremely helpful in assisting with special projects at Artsplace.





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- f. Friends of CPFA Artsplace provided \$400.00 for procuring needed plastic storage containers .
- g. June Webster, artist and Artsplace Teacher has won “Best in Show” at the *Transparent Watercolor Society of America*. Bob Noreika, another artist and Artsplace teacher had a piece accepted to the exhibit as well.
- h. Artsplace will take over the CYT in the next fiscal year, providing theater classes and a summer two week workshop. The Lion King is being considered as a show for next year.

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

- a. The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Author Event will take place on October 11, 2017 with Connecticut author Kristan Higgins. Ms. Higgins will be discussing her latest book “*On Second Thought*”. Tickets will be available on August 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6:00 to 7:00 PM at Artsplace.

### 11. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Ms. Lodynsky recommended Ms. Patti Flynn Harris to be considered for the *Dick Conrad Arts Award* for 2017. The committee voted unanimously for Ms. Flynn-Harris to be given the award. Town Hall will be requested to present the award during their September meeting.

### 12. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Next CPFA Meeting at Artsplace will be held on Tuesday, July 18, 2017, at 7:30 pm.

### 13. ADJOURNMENT

*Ms. McGeary made a motion to adjourn; Ms. Lohr seconded the Motion.  
Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.*

Respectfully submitted by,

Agnes Wnuk

