



CHESHIRE PERFORMING FINE ARTS COMMITTEE

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CHESHIRE PERFORMING AND FINE ARTS COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, July 18, 2017, 7:30 PM

Artsplace

1220 Waterbury Road

Cheshire, CT 06410

Committee Members Present: Monique D'Onofrio, Ophelia Frazier, Leslie Hutchison
Donna Lodynsky, Donna Myjak, Youchung Torok, Jackie Townes, Jill Veiga

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)
Denise Lohr (Committee Member)
Joyce Karklel (Committee Member)
Signian McGeary (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 7:37 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. WELCOME REMARKS – Chairwoman Donna Lodynsky welcomed members and thanked them for helping at the Tuesday opening of the *Artsplace Teachers and Student Art Show* held at the “Cheshire Public Library” and “Ball & Socket Arts” *Arts Market* and *Plein Air* event the past Sunday.

4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION – No Communications.

5. APPROVAL of June 20, 2017 Minutes

6. *The motion should have the donor's name spelled ...*”Bill Bonaminio.”

Ms. Frazier made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 20th Meeting with corrections, Ms. Torok seconded the motion. There were four abstentions Ms. Hutchison, Ms. Townes, Ms. Veiga, Ms. Myjak.

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

a. Ms. Frazier read out the first report for the new year noting that the expected \$95,000 expected revenue was actually \$128,000 instead.

The report was accepted by the committee.





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7. SECRETARY'S REPORT – Donna Myjak

- a. Ms. Myjak noted that a “thank you note” was received from Dale Spaner, President of the Cheshire Art League for the \$50.00 scholarship contribution for an art show.
- b. The second letter presented to the committee was from Ms. Melissa Veleber, Job Coach at the Cheshire High School, who thanked Artsplace for hosting their student volunteers.

8. LIBRARY DIRECTOR REPORT – Ms. Ramona Burkey

- a. The Cheshire Public Library will hold a Family Art Night on Friday, October 20th.
- b. The library is holding a business day for children on August 21st. Artsplace will participate with activities for children.

9. ARTSPLACE REPORT – Ms. Joan Pilarczyk

- a. Ms. Pilarczyk thanked everyone for helping at the opening of the *Artsplace Teacher and Student Art Show* at the Cheshire Public Library. She will make the next show themed with photographs a inspiration. She also thanked committee members for assisting at the *Ball & Socket Arts Art Market*.
- b. Ms. Pilarczyk asked for volunteers for the last *Ball & Socket Arts Plein Air Event* coming Sunday, August 20th from 9:00 to 12:00.
- c. The Summer Session was 4 weeks with 21 children's classes and 15 teen and adult classes. It began on Saturday June 24th and ends Friday, August 4th.
- d. Ms. Pilarczyk updated the committee on the great work that the two summer interns, from Sacred Heart and Butler Universities have done in assisting with special projects at Artsplace. She will be giving them glowing recommendations.
- e. Ms. Pilarczyk mentioned that there will be a *button workshop* in conjunction with the Cheshire Historical Society and a *guitar painting workshop* with Brian's Guitars.
- f. Ms. Pilarczyk thanked the Friends of CPFA Artsplace who provided \$400.00 for procuring needed plastic storage containers that were used to organize supplies.
- g. Ms. Pilarczyk reminded committee members to use the Pina's Giving Garden, which is overflowing with herbs.
- 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 if enough funds can be found to pay for the rights and other payments to put on the show.
- i. The monitoring system has been installed and is in use. A new cleaning firm has been hired.

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

- a. The 15th Annual Author Event will take place on Thursday, October 11, 2017 with author. Kristan Higgins. Ms. Higgins will discuss her book “*On Second Thought*”. Ms. Mark confirmed that tickets will be available on August 24th from 6:00 to 7:00 PM at Artsplace and that the event will take place at *Waverly Inn Restaurant* in Cheshire.





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11. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Ms. Lodynsky recommended the Town Hall be requested to put on the agenda during their September 12th meeting the presentation of the *Dick Conrad Arts Award* for 2017 to Ms. Patti Flynn-Harris.
- b. Ms. Patti Flynn-Harris is progressing with the town Mural to be installed on the *Lyon & Billard Lumber Co* building along the Farmington Canal Trail. Artist Tony Falcone and Ms. Joan Pilarczyk, along with Ms. Donna Mark and Ms. Donna Lodynsky are on the design and organization committee.

12. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Ms. Pilarczyk requested a purchase for the beautification of the Artsplace building. The committee considered and discussed the request.

Ms. Leslie Hutchison made a motion to use funds, not to exceed \$180.00, from [the] escrow account to purchase wooden art tools (paintbrush and pencil). Ms. Torok seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

- b. Next CPFA Meeting at Artsplace will be held on Tuesday, September 19, 2017, at 7:30 pm.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Myjak made a motion to adjourn; Ms. Townes seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:49 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Agnes Wnuk

