



CHESHIRE PERFORMING FINE ARTS COMMITTEE

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CHESHIRE PERFORMING AND FINE ARTS COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, September 19, 2017, 7:30 PM

Artsplace

1220 Waterbury Road

Cheshire, CT 06410

Committee Members Present:

Monique D'Onofrio, Ophelia Frazier, Leslie Hutchison, Joyce Karklel, Donna Lodynsky, Denise Lohr, Signian McGeary, Donna Myjak, Jackie Townes, Jill Veiga

Others Present: Ramona Burkey (Director, Cheshire Public Library)

Joan Pilarczyk (Director, Artsplace)

Absent: Patti Flynn-Harris (Representative, Cheshire Town Council)

Donna Mark (President, Friends of CPFA/Artsplace, Inc.)

Youchung Torok (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 7:12 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. WELCOME REMARKS – Chairwoman Donna Lodynsky welcomed members and thanked Ms. D'Onofrio and Signian McGeary for helping at the Library Fair on Saturday.

4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION – No Communications.

5. APPROVAL of July 18, 2017 Minutes

9.a. should read : "...photographs an inspiration...".

10.a. should read : "...Wednesday, October 11th...".

Ms. Townes made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 19th Meeting with corrections, Ms. Lohr seconded the motion. Ms. Karklel abstained.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT – Ms. McGeary

a. Ms. McGeary read out the first report for the new year noting the budget was on target.

Ms. Frazier made a motion to accept the report. Ms. Karklel seconded the motion and the motion passed.





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7. SECRETARY'S REPORT – Donna Myjak

- a. Ms. Myjak noted that a “thank you note” was received from the Pajama’s Program, Connecticut Chapter, for the kind donation from Artsplace last Fall.

8. LIBRARY DIRECTOR REPORT – Ms. Ramona Burkey

- a. The Cheshire Public Library will hold a National Voter Registration Day event on October 26th.
- b. The library will welcome a new Children’s Librarian.
- c. The Library will be receiving bids for an upcoming remodel project.
- d. The front steps of the Library are being repaired.
- e. Artsplace has a presence with several activities in the library till the end of the month.

9. ARTSPLACE REPORT – Ms. Joan Pilarczyk

- a. Ms. Pilarczyk noted that Fall classes began on the 16th with no children’s classes running on Saturdays. There are 300 students enrolled currently.
- b. Ms. Pilarczyk noted that all the floors had been waxed.
- c. Ms. Pilarczyk explained a new initiative to members, a Arts and Culture Collaborative, “Traveling Portfolio” of artwork created by artists and for sale at different venues.
- d. Ms. Pilarczyk mentioned that the Colored Pencil Reception at the Library will be held on Saturday, September 23rd from 12:00 to 1:00..
- e. Ms. Pilarczyk mentioned that the Ball & Socket Arts will be holding an event and Auction on November 11th. There will be many art pieces and two bands playing at the Waverly.
- f. Ms. Pilarczyk told members that “Valley Girls” exhibit at the Mattatuck Museum features paintings by Mally DeSomma and June Webster.
- g. Ms. Pilarczyk reminded committee members that the Art and Poetry Workshop will be held on Tuesdays in October, based on artwork by Artist Dimitri Wright, whose work is on view at the Mattatuck Museum.
- h. Artsplace will hold its “Art Market” on November 18-19th from 10am to 4pm, at Artsplace with artists from the community.

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

- a. The 15th Annual Author Event will take place on Wednesday, October 11, 2017 with author Kristan Higgins at the *Waverly Inn Restaurant* in Cheshire. Ms. Higgins will discuss her book “*On Second Thought*”. Tickets are available at Artsplace.

11. OLD BUSINESS





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- a. Ms. Lodynsky mentioned that Mrs. Patti Flynn-Harris received the *Dick Conrad Arts Award* for 2017 on September 12th at the Town Hall meeting.

12. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Ms. Anna Quindlen will be speaking in West Hartford at 7:00 on October 19th.
- b. The Cheshire Art League exhibit Art in the Gardens Fall Art Show will take place at the Cheshire Nursery from October 13th to October 22nd.
- c. Artsplace will be partnering on special events with Southbury's "Arts Escape" in the future.
- d. Next CPFA Meeting at Artsplace will be held on Tuesday, October 17, 2017, at 7:00 pm.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. McGeary made a motion to adjourn; Ms. Hutchison seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Agnes Wnuk

