



CHESHIRE PERFORMING FINE ARTS COMMITTEE

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CHESHIRE PERFORMING AND FINE ARTS COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, October 17, 2017, 7:00 PM

Artsplace

1220 Waterbury Road

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Committee Members Present: Donna Lodynsky, Denise Lohr, Signian McGeary,
Youchung Torok, Jackie Townes, Jill Veiga

Others Present: Joan Pilarczyk (Director, Artsplace)

Absent: Ramona Burkey (Director, Cheshire Public Library)
Patti Flynn-Harris (Representative, Cheshire Town Council)
Donna Mark (President, Friends of CPFA/Artsplace, Inc.)
Monique D'Onofrio (Committee Member)
Ophelia Frazier (Committee Member)
Leslie Hutchison (Committee Member)
Joyce Karklel (Committee Member)
Donna Myjak (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 7:15 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3. WELCOME REMARKS** – Chairwoman Donna Lodynsky welcomed.
- 4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION** – No Communications.
- 5. APPROVAL of September 19, 2017 Minutes**

*Ms. Townes made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 19th Meeting
Ms. McGeary seconded the motion.*

- 6. TREASURER'S REPORT – Ms. McGeary**
 - a. Ms. McGeary reported that the budget is on target at 29.1% to date.





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7. SECRETARY'S REPORT – Donna Lodynsky for Donna Myjak

- a. Ms. Lodynsky mentioned a letter from New Reach and from the Pajama Program.

8. LIBRARY DIRECTOR REPORT – Ms. Ramona Burkey provided a written report

- a. The Civic Engagement Fair took place on September 23rd. Ms. McGeary and Ms D'Onofrio took part as representatives from Artsplace.
- b. On October 7th the Library held a question and answer session with Town Council candidates.
- c. The third annual Scavenger Hunt was a big success with nearly 500 hashtagged photos on Instagram.
- d. Open positions will remain open for the time being due to state and town fiduciary issues.
- e. The building and landscaping project continues as planned.
- f. Ms. Burkey thanked the committee and Friends for being honored at the Author Event.

9. ARTSPLACE REPORT – Ms. Joan Pilarczyk

- a. Ms. Pilarczyk noted that Fall classes include 322 students enrolled currently.
- b. Ms. Pilarczyk mentioned that the Ball & Socket Arts will be holding an event and Auction on November 11th, the Rocket Socket Launch. Art pieces painted during the Ball & Socket Arts Plein Air Sundays will be auctioned and two bands will entertain at the Waverly Inn.
- c. Ms. Pilarczyk told members that "Valley Girls" exhibit at the Mattatuck Museum featuring paintings by Mally DeSomma and June Webster had a special event demonstration by the artists on Sunday, October 15th at the MATT.
- d. Artsplace will hold its "Art Market" on November 18-19th from 10am to 4pm, at Artsplace with about thirty artists from the Cheshire community. Signs will be put around Cheshire the Wednesday after elections in November.
- e. Ms. Pilarczyk announced that ARTSDAY will take place at Cheshire Academy on Sunday, March 11th, 2018 with the theme of "Look Up".
- f. Artsplace is looking for sewing machine donations for upcoming classes and programs.
- g. Family Night at the Cheshire Public Library will be held on Friday, October 20th between 6:00 and 7:30PM. Artsplace teachers and CPFA Committee volunteers will take part with art projects for children and adults.

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

- a. The 15th Annual Author Event took place on Wednesday, October 11, 2017 with author Kristan Higgins at the *Waverly Inn Restaurant* in Cheshire. Ms. Higgins discussed her book "*On Second Thought*" and her writing process. Ms. Mark extended thanks to the entire committee and all the Friends group for all of their help at the event.
- b. The Friends hope to reprint the "Kensett Book" to provide copies to St. Bridget's School in Cheshire, which is using the book in their curriculum and for museum shops.





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11. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Members were told that the background color for the Mural project begun by Ms. Patti Flynn-Harris has been selected and that a proposal by Cheshire mural artist Tony Falcone for the design to include Puzzle pieces was included.

12. NEW BUSINESS

- a. The Cheshire Police Department is collecting suits and blazers for veterans.
- b. Ms. Townes mentioned a Halloween event in North Haven, "The Only Scream in Town".
- c. Ms. Pilarczyk reminded members and the community to bring children's pajamas and books, as well as art supplies for donation during the upcoming holidays.
- d. Next CPFA Meeting at Artsplace will be held on Tuesday, November 14, 2017, at 7:00 pm.

13. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Agnes Wnuk

