



## CHESHIRE PERFORMING FINE ARTS COMMITTEE

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### CHESHIRE PERFORMING AND FINE ARTS COMMITTEE MEETING

**Tuesday, January 16, 2018, 7:00 PM**

**Artsplace**

**1220 Waterbury Road**

**Cheshire, CT 06410**

**Committee Members Present:** Ophelia Frazier, Leslie Hutchison, Joyce Karklel,  
Donna Lodynsky, Donna Myjak, Youchung Torok, Jackie Townes, Jill Veiga

**Others Present:** Joan Pilarczyk (Director, Artsplace)  
Patti Flynn-Harris (Representative, Cheshire Town Council)

**Absent:** Monique D'Onofrio (CPFA member)  
Denise Lohr (CPFA member)  
Signian McGeary (CPFA member)  
Donna Mark (President, Friends of CPFA/Artsplace, Inc.)  
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 7:09 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3. WELCOME REMARKS** – Chairwoman Donna Lodynsky welcomed the members and a guest, Katie Giampietro, from Brian's Guitars.
- 4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION** – No Communications.
- 5. APPROVAL of December 5, 2017 Minutes**
  1. under #5 approval of minutes the name should be spelled Lodynsky.
  2. under #6 it should read "...in the CHS book this year, one for \$1000 and a second for \$500."
  3. under #12 "the next meeting Tuesday, January 16, 2018."

*Ms. Karklel made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 5th Meeting  
Ms. Frazier seconded the motion. Ms. Hutchison abstained.*

- 6. TREASURER'S REPORT – Ms. Pilarczyk for Ms. McGeary**
  - a. Ms. Pilarczyk reported that the budget is on target. A budget freeze continues.  
*Ms. Veiga made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Ms. Townes seconded the motion.*





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

- a. Ms. Myjak reported that \$100 and four bags dry foods were sent as a donation to the Cheshire Food Pantry.
- b. The Saint Bridget School Third Grade sent a thank you note for the John Frederick Kensett books received for their history class, writing how important the books were for the study of Cheshire's history.
- c. Ms. Gerry Woods, sent a thank you letter from the local "Pajama Program" chapter for the 72 pairs of pajamas and 100 books donated from the Artsplace "Pajama/Book Box."

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

- a. Ms. Pilarczyk reported that Ms. Burkey and the library are proceeding with plans for the library renovation.

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

- a. Ms. Pilarczyk mentioned that 211 students are currently enrolled for classes and workshops this winter semester.
- b. This year the administration and teachers will schedule dates and classes for Spring Summer and Fall 2018 schedules in the next few weeks.
- c. Ms. Pilarczyk hopes to hire a third clerk for limited daytime hours, using her budget creatively to achieve this needed position. She has also hired a new building supervisor.
- d. Artsplace continues to work with the Cheshire Public Library on projects. The next one is the Pre-school Fair to be held at Artsplace this weekend. There will be art activities for children and multiple Cheshire nursery schools will be on hand to answer parents' questions.
- e. The free "Reluctant Dragon" Puppet Show took place at Artsplace this past Saturday to a group of 116 parents and children.
- f. Ms. Pilarczyk reported on the Grand Opening of "The Voice of Art" by artist Hannah Jung this past Friday. The Gallery will show art and hold classes and Paint Nights.

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

- a. The Friends will have their annual meeting on January 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

### 11. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Ms. Karklel reported that the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Arts Day is being developed for March 18, 2018. Seven of fifteen spots for artists have already been filled. Forty volunteers will be necessary for the actual day of the event. Jill Veiga is handling that aspect.
- b. Ms. Patti Flynn-Harris noted that the Mural Project is in hiatus until budget is known.
- c. Ms. Flynn-Harris also mentioned that Ball & Socket Arts has an art exhibit hung at the Cheshire Public Library. There will be several meetings in conjunction with the exhibit scheduled for January and February.
- d. Ms. Pilarczyk reported that five boxes of art supplies were delivered to the Social Services Department at the Town Hall from the "Art Tree" Program this year and distributed to





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Cheshire families.

### 12. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Ms Lodynsky reminded members that Cheshire students need to have completed applications for scholarship consideration by March 15<sup>th</sup>. The applicants for CPFPA will be available to the subcommittee by March 22<sup>nd</sup>. The results must be sent to the Cheshire High School by April 20<sup>th</sup>.
- b. Motion made to add a New Item to Agenda: 2018-2019 Slate of Officers

*Ms. Jill Veiga made a motion made to add a new item to Agenda to propose the following officers nominations as follows*

*Donna Lodynsky for CPFPA President*

*Monique D'Onofrio for Vice-President*

*Donna Myjak for Secretary*

*Signian McGearry for Treasurer*

*Motion seconded by Ms. Townes. The Motion Passed.*

*Ms. Townes made a motion to accept the proposed slate of officers as read by Ms. Veiga.*

*Motion was seconded by Ms. Veiga. The motion passed.*

- c. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 13, 2018, at 7:00pm.

### 13. ADJOURNMENT

*Ms. Karklel made a motion to adjourn; Ms. Torok seconded the Motion.*

*Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.*

Respectfully submitted by,

Agnes Wnuk

