



CHESHIRE PERFORMING FINE ARTS COMMITTEE

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CHESHIRE PERFORMING AND FINE ARTS COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, April 10, 2018, 7:00 PM

Artsplace

1220 Waterbury Road

Cheshire, CT 06410

Committee Members Present: Monique D'Onofrio, Ophelia Frazier, Donna Lodynsky, Katie Giampietro, Denise Lohr, Donna Myjak, Youchung Torok, Jill Veiga

Others Present: Joan Pilarczyk (Director, Artsplace)
Donna Mark (President, Friends of CPFA/Artsplace, Inc.)
Ramona Burkey (Director, Cheshire Public Library)
Patti Flynn-Harris (Representative, Cheshire Town Council)

Absent: Leslie Hutchison (CPFA member)
Joyce Karklel (CPFA member)
Signian McGeary (CPFA 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 7:05 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. WELCOME REMARKS – Chairwoman Donna Lodynsky welcomed all members and thanked them for their contribution of time in making the 30th Artsday a big success. Ms. Lodynsky also welcomed Ms. Giampietro, who was recently sworn in at Town Hall as an official CPFA member.

4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION – No Communications.

5. APPROVAL of February 13, 2018 Minutes

Ms. Lohr made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 13th Meeting. Ms. Veiga seconded the motion. Ms. Myjak abstained.

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

- a. Ms. Frazier reported that the budget is on target at 76%.
- b. Discussion of funds procured at the 30th Annual Artsday were discussed.

Ms. D'Onofrio made a motion that \$499.32 of Artsday, March 18, 2018 donations be deposited in the CPFA Gift Account, Scholarship Line. Ms. Lohr seconded the motion. The motion passed

Ms. Myjak made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Ms. Giampietro seconded the motion. The motion passed.





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7. SECRETARY'S REPORT – Ms. Donna Myjak

- a. Ms. Myjak read a thank you note from the *Cheshire Art League* for a contribution to the annual league show.
- b. There was a thank you card from the *Cheshire Garden Club* for a donation given by the CPFA for the annual holiday fundraiser.
- c. Ms. Myjak showed members a book created of the 30th Annual Artsday.

8. LIBRARY DIRECTOR REPORT – Ms. Ramona Burkey

- a. Last report by Ms. Burkey as *Cheshire Public Library* director, before going to the *Russell Library*, in Middletown, CT.
- b. Ms. Burkey related that the Children's Librarian is leaving the library and that the construction of the library has begun.

9. ARTSPLACE REPORT – Ms. Joan Pilarczyk

- a. The local Girl Scout Troops held two projects for badges at Artsplace.
- b. There are currently 238 students in 25 Spring classes and 5 workshops.
- c. The summer schedule is currently being designed, while Summer camps are already scheduled and being enrolled.
- d. The building update includes staff looking for an emergency button.
- e. Ms. Pilarczyk has been taking part in statewide arts organizations.

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

- a. The next *Friends* meeting will be on May 26th.
- b. *Friends of CPFA/Artsplace* continue searching for an author for the 2018 Author Event.
- c. Ms. Mark applied for a grant to cover the "Cheshire Mural Project".
- d. The Kensett book will be updated and possibly sold at museum shops.

11. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Ms. Myjak updated the committee on the applications received for the 2018 Scholarship. Ms. Myjak reviewed the rules for choosing the recipients. Ms. Myjak mentioned the names of the recipients and read out their qualifications. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Torok made a motion to accept the two candidates for scholarship. Ms. Lohr seconded the motion and the motion passed.

- b. Ms. D'Onofrio described a meeting she attended for Connecticut arts organizations. The meeting was held to help art organizations create awareness of their programs. She noted that each town art organization has a different method of reaching their local constituency.





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12. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Cheshire Youth Theater will be staging *Lion King Junior* during the final week of July 2018 at the Nelson Hall Theatre at Elim Park. Ms. Robin McCahill will be Art Director.
- b. Kim Wantroba will be conducting auditions for a *Ball & Socket Arts* fundraiser talent show at Artsplace on Wednesday, April 18th and Sunday, April 22nd.
- c. *The Voice of Art Gallery* will hold “Life Model Figure Drawing” sessions.
- d. Wednesday, April 20th at 8:00 am *The Connecticut Arts Day* event will take place in Hartford. Ms. Lodynsky and Ms. Pilarczyk will take part.
- e. The idea of a *Hospitality Committee* was discussed by the committee for Artsplace.
- f. Ms. Lodynsky requested that a motion be made to add an item to the agenda.

Ms. Veiga made a motion to add an item to the agenda regarding the addition of an ex-officio position to the CPFA Board. Ms. Lohr seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Discussion ensued. It was noted that any such position would have to be added to the organization’s bylaws. It was determined that Ms. Giampietro and Ms. Frazier will review the proposal and the bylaws and see how this can be achieved. Further discussion will take place at a future meeting.

- g. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 15, 2018, at 7:00pm. This is a change of date from the originally scheduled May 8th meeting.

13. ADJOURNMENT

*Ms. Torok made a motion to adjourn; Ms. Lohr seconded the Motion.
Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:37 P.M.*

Respectfully submitted by,

Agnes Wnuk

