



CHESHIRE PERFORMING FINE ARTS COMMITTEE

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CHESHIRE PERFORMING AND FINE ARTS COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, June 12, 2018, 7:00 PM

Artsplace

1220 Waterbury Road

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Committee Members Present: Monique D'Onofrio, Ophelia Frazier, Leslie Hutchison, Donna Lodynsky, Katie Giampietro, Denise Lohr, Signian McGearry, Youchung Torok

Others Present: Joan Pilarczyk (Director, Artsplace)
Donna Mark (President, Friends of CPFA/Artsplace, Inc.)

Absent: Patti Flynn-Harris (Representative, Cheshire Town Council)
Joyce Karklel (CPFA member)
Donna Myjak (CPFA member)
Jill Veiga (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 7:03 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. WELCOME REMARKS – Chairwoman Donna Lodynsky welcomed all members and special guest Ms. Deb Rutter, Deputy Director of the Cheshire Public Library, invited to present the report from the Cheshire Public Library. The other guest, Mr. Ron Gagliardi arrived later in the evening due to other commitments.

4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION – Mr. Ron Gagliardi presented to the committee an idea to bring all the art and art related organizations in town under one umbrella called C.A.R.T.: Cheshire Arts Related Team (*Art a la Cart*). This umbrella of Cheshire organizations could create an Art Week in Cheshire which would include, art demonstrations, puppet shows, dance recitals, theatre events, throughout the town etc., in the Spring of 2019. The organization could work toward producing other projects together, such as producing books cataloging art objects around Cheshire. Mr. Gagliardi related the mission statement and goals of the organization. The committee members asked questions, made suggestions.

5. APPROVAL of May 8, 2018 Minutes

Ms. Torok made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 8th Meeting. Ms. Lohr seconded the motion. Ms. Frazier and Hutchinson abstained.





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6. TREASURER'S REPORT – Ms. McGeary

- a. Ms. McGeary reported that the budget is on target for the last report of the fiscal year..

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

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

- a. Ms. Lodynsky read out loud a letter from the Cheshire High School Job Coach who thanked Artsplace for its contribution to helping students from the school in their volunteer work.

8. LIBRARY DIRECTOR REPORT – Ms. Deb Rutter

- a. Ms. Rutter related that construction continues slowly.
- b. There is an active effort to hire a new Library Director and Children's Librarian by the end of the summer.
- c. Movies are being shown on Monday afternoons and Thursday evenings. It was suggested that they might be shown at Artsplace if space was needed for other events at the library.
- d. In the future the library will send *library pages* to Artsplace to assist with programs and room set up.

9. ARTSPLACE REPORT – Ms. Joan Pilarczyk

- a. Ms. Pilarczyk mentioned that the summer session is very slowly filling camps, classes and workshops. Classes begin June 23rd.
- b. Ms. Patti Flynn-Harris had asked whether Artsplace would like a presence at the 2nd Annual Ball & Socket Arts Fair. The committee decided to decline this year due to another event being held on the same day at Artsplace.
- c. There will be a puppetry event at Artsplace on July 15th from 10:00 am to 2:30 pm : *Puppetry Maker Day*. This event will see participants creating lion puppets with the help of puppeteer Robin McCahill and the Connecticut Guild of Connecticut.
- d. Ms. Pilarczyk noted that herbs area available to the public at the Artsplace garden and Pina's Giving Garden. Herbs are needed as well, and Ms. McGeary brought in a basil plant. Other members said they would bring other needed herbs.
- e. The annual student and teacher art show will be held at the Cheshire Public Library from July 2nd to July 27th. The theme is "*It Doesn't Look like the Photo!*". The drop off of artwork is on July 2nd from 11:30 to 12:30. Committee members will assist with collection of entrees from 11:30 to 12:30 on July 2nd and will help hang the show.. The Opening reception will be held on July 16th from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Committee members will provide refreshments and assistance for the opening reception.
- f. A new clerk for daytime hours will be hired and is needed especially for the summer session.





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- g. An advertisement for Artsplace was purchased in the *Prospect Pages*.
- h. Mr. Bill Bonominio filled the urns in front of Artsplace. Ms. Pilarczyk paid for the flowers and needed to be reimbursed.

Ms. Frazier made a motion to reimburse Joan Pilarczyk \$100.00 from the Escrow Account for covering flowers for the front planters Bill Bonominio donated. Ms. Giampietro seconded and the motion passed.

- i. Ms. Pilarczyk mentioned an idea about asking the public to donate items that could be sold at the gallery in Artsplace with proceeds going towards the “Art Heals” Program. Donations could include purses, vases, art objects and jewelry. Ms Mark suggested that the Friends group take on the project.
- j. Artsplace will hold the *Third Annual Art Market* on November 16 to 18, 2018. September 11th the committee will hold an organizational meeting from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm.
- k. Ms. Pilarczyk mentioned an idea proposed by Ms. Wnuk to beautify the West Main Street section of town with banners and hanging flower pots on the lamp posts. Ms Wnuk will prepare a proposal to present before the Town Committee.
- l. Ms. D’Onofrio reported on the Arts & Culture Collaborative meeting. Art was made by participants as an ice breaker. Representatives from Seven Angles, Palace Theatre, etc. talked about public awareness of art events.
- m. Building update: Artsplace needs a ball valve replacement for the irrigation system to work properly.
- n. Building update: The next three posters to hang on the façade will be a copy of the award winning painting by June Webster, a painting by Ms. Agnes Wnuk accepted into the 48th Annual Nor’Easter Juried Exhibit and the new cover of the *Kensett Children’s Book* that is being painted by Eugene Teixeira.
- o. Ms. Pilarczyk mentioned that an event is planned for the retirement of Mr. Michael Milone on Thursday, June 21st at 6:30 at the Aqua Turf, in Southington.

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

- a. Ms. Mark mentioned that the Mural Project did not receive the *Ion Bank* grant.
- b. The 2018 Author Night will take place on October 11th, most probably at the Waverly for a second year. The author this year is Mr. Matthew Dicks, an author, columnist, playwright and blogger from the Hartford area.
- c. Ms. Mark detailed an Improv event coming to Artsplace on July 20th from 7:30 to 8:30. The event features the professional Hartford comedy group *Sea Tea Improv*. The group will offer a workshop for guests age 13 and up.
- d. The Artsplace Friends group will be creating a calendar that will feature artwork by Artsplace teachers. It will include special Artsplace related dates. The Calendar will be available this fall.





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11. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Ms. Lodynsky announced the winner of the 2018 Richard Conrad Memorial Scholarship to be Amandeep Kaur, who will receive \$1000. The \$500 prize went to Alea Vernon. The awards will be presented at the Cheshire High School Awards Event.
- b. Lion King Junior camp and performance is open to students from grades 3 to 9. The camp runs from July 23rd to August 3rd. The performance will be on the weekend after the camp.
- c. CPFA Organization Notebooks/new member initiation tabled for next meeting.

12. NEW BUSINESS

- a. The next meeting will be held at Artsplace, at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, July 17, 2018.

13. ADJOURNMENT

*Ms. Hutchison made a motion to adjourn; Ms Frazier seconded the Motion.
Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.*

Respectfully submitted by,

Agnes Wnuk

