



## CHESHIRE PERFORMING FINE ARTS COMMITTEE

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### CHESHIRE PERFORMING AND FINE ARTS COMMITTEE MEETING

**Tuesday, July 17, 2018, 7:00 PM**

**Artsplace**

**1220 Waterbury Road**

**Cheshire, CT 06410**

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

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

**Absent:** Patti Flynn-Harris (Representative, Cheshire Town Council)  
Leslie Hutchison (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 special guest Ms. Janice Jentzen chairperson for the Cheshire Art League Silent Art Auction.

**4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION** – Ms. Jentzen noted that the Silent Auction will be held on Friday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, from 5:00 to 10:00, at the Farms Country Club. The \$45.00 entrance fee covers a buffet dinner. The Art League currently has received thirty donated art items, which can be seen on the Cheshire Arts League webpage <http://www.cheshireartleague.com/>. The dinner includes appetizers, a pasta station, a salad station and salmon and chicken Francaise, and coffee, tea and dessert. This is a fundraiser that supports the Cheshire Art League's monthly artist demonstration that is free to the public and held at the Cheshire Public Library and will expand this project.

**5. TREASURER'S REPORT – Ms. Frazier for Ms. McGeary**

a. Frazier reported that the budget is on target for the beginning of the new fiscal year.

*Ms. Lohr made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Ms. Torok seconded the motion.*

**6. APPROVAL of June 12, 2018 Minutes**

*Ms. Frazier made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 12th Meeting. Ms. D'Onofrio seconded the motion. Ms. Karklel, Ms. Myjak and Ms. Veiga abstained.*





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

- a. No report.

### 8. LIBRARY DIRECTOR REPORT

- a. No Report.

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

- a. Artsplace will be closed July 30<sup>th</sup> to August 13<sup>th</sup>. Limited hours resume August 14<sup>th</sup> and regular hours resume August 27<sup>th</sup>. Call (203)272-2787 with questions. We will return your calls and emails and Facebook messages, as usual.
- b. Ms. Patti Flynn-Harris had asked whether Artsplace would like a presence at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Ball & Socket Arts Fair, which will be held on Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. It will coincide with the Ribbon Cutting of the Rails to Trails section that runs by the Ball and Socket Arts building with the governor and other dignitaries scheduled to attend. Members discussed what the committee could do on that day to take part. Artsplace will have a tent with face painting and shell painting activity for children from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.
- c. The *Puppetry Maker Day* at Artsplace took place on July 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. Puppeteer Robin McCahill, designer Donna Mark and members of the *Connecticut Guild of Puppetry* created props and masks with twenty-four participating adults and children. These items will be used by children taking part in the *Lion King Junior Theatre Camp*, and the play, both of which will be held at Nelson Hall in Cheshire.
- d. The annual student and teacher art show of over fifty pieces of art is currently hanging at the Cheshire Public Library with the theme “*It Doesn't Look like the Photo!*”. The Opening reception took place on Monday, July 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 8:00 pm, with refreshments and was open to the public.
- e. The Artsplace *Summer Session* currently has 250 students taking part in classes and workshops, with one week left. There will be no classes in August.
- f. The *Third Annual Art Market* will take place November 17<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on both days. Ms. Rita Paradis is the chairperson of the event. Over 26 local artists will be selling their artwork to the public. More information will be forthcoming.
- g. Artsplace will be taking part and have a presence in the *Cheshire Welcome Wagon* booklet for new residents, coordinated by Ms. Kathleen Moore.
- h. Ms. Pilarczyk mentioned the *Testimonial Project* that will include present and former students detailing their experiences at Artsplace.
- i. Twenty-eight families need back to school items for their children. Artsplace will be accepting these items until July 27<sup>th</sup>, when they will be taken to the Cheshire community Food Pantry.





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### 10. FRIENDS OF CPFA/ARTSPLACE, INC. – Ms. Donna Mark

- a. The 2018 Author Night will take place on October 11<sup>th</sup>. The author this year is Mr. Matthew Dicks, an author, columnist, playwright and blogger from the Hartford area. The books he will be discussing are available at the Cheshire Public Library: *Memoirs of an Imaginary Friend* and *Something Missing*. This is an annual event that supports the *Art Heals Program*, which provides art lessons to homebound Cheshire residents for free. Sixty paintings have been created with this program with many of the Artsplace teachers taking part. *Barbara's Framing and Gallery* frames the artwork for free so that the participant has the ability to hang their artwork at home to enjoy. The latest examples will be on view in the front window at Barbara's Gallery on south Main Street this Autumn.
- b. Ms. Mark added details about Improv event coming to Artsplace on July 20<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 to 9:00. The event features the professional Hartford comedy group *Sea Tea Improv*. There will be popcorn and candy and sparkling water available.
- c. Ms. Mark and the Friends group are considering making a Lucite collection box to hang in the entrance area of Artsplace for public donations, similar to the Friends of the Cheshire Public Library example.

### 11. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Ms. Giampietro announced that *Brian's Guitars* is one of the sponsors for the Cheshire Parks' "Friday Night Music Series" beginning July 20th 2018.
- a. The next meeting will be held at Artsplace, at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, September 18, 2018.

### 12. ADJOURNMENT

*Ms. Lohr made a motion to adjourn; Ms Myjak seconded the Motion.  
Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.*

Respectfully submitted by,

Agnes Wnuk

