



CHESHIRE PERFORMING FINE ARTS COMMITTEE

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CHESHIRE PERFORMING AND FINE ARTS COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, October 16, 2018, 7:00 PM

Artsplace

1220 Waterbury Road

Cheshire, CT 06410

Committee Members Present: Ophelia Frazier, Katie Giampietro, Donna Lodynsky,
Denise Lohr, Signian McGeary, Donna Myjak, Youchung Torok, Jill Veiga

Others Present: Joan Pilarczyk (Director, Artsplace)
Beth Crowley (Cheshire Public Library, Director)

Absent: Monique D'Onofrio (CPFA member)
Joyce Karklel (CPFA member)
Patti Flynn-Harris (Representative, Cheshire Town Council)
Donna Mark (President, Friends of CPFA/Artsplace, Inc.)

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 7:11 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. WELCOME REMARKS – Chairwoman Donna Lodynsky welcomed all members and Beth Crowley the new Cheshire Public Library director. Ms. Crowley introduced herself and the committee members then introduced themselves to her as well.

4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION – No public communications.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT – Ms. McGeary

a. Ms. McGeary reported that the budget is on target at 28.2% for this fiscal year.

Ms. Veiga made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Ms. Frazier seconded the motion.

6. APPROVAL of September 18, 2018 Minutes

Ms. Lohr made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 18th Meeting. Ms. Giampietro seconded the motion. Ms. Myjak abstained





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7. SECRETARY'S REPORT – Ms. Donna Myjak

- a. A letter came announcing a reception at the Cheshire Public Library to thank supporters, donors, volunteers and to meet the new director, on Wednesday, October 17th, 5:00-6:30 pm.

8. LIBRARY DIRECTOR REPORT – Ms. Beth Crowley, Library Director

- a. Ms. Crowley reported that the lower level renovations of the Cheshire Public Library are completed and the upper level has begun. The estimate for completion is Thanksgiving.
- b. Ms. Crowley described and showed photos of the new art display section.

9. ARTSPLACE REPORT – Ms. Joan Pilarczyk

- a. October 19th from 5:00 to 8:30 there will be a joint event between Artsplace and Cheshire Parks and Recreation held at Mixville. There are 130 participants currently registered. The first hour families will paint or carve pumpkins that they bring, with assistance from Artsplace teachers. All cutting and painting materials will be provided by Parks and rec and Artsplace. Afterwards a family film will be shown.
- b. Artist Tony Falcone will teach a “Trompe L’Oeil” Class in the Winter Session.
- c. Artsday will again be held at the Cheshire Academy on Sunday, March 10th, from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm.
- d. The Cheshire Youth Theater and Nelson Hall at Elim Park in Cheshire have merged. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Giampietro made a motion to allow the Cheshire Youth Theatre to rename their program to “Cheshire Youth Theatre at Nelson Hall”. Ms. McGeary seconded the motion and the motion passed.

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

- a. The calendar projects with images by Artsplace teachers will be available at the annual *Art Market* in November. The cover image is by the artist/teacher June Webster. Buyers will be able to meet the artists whose work is in the calendar at the Art Market.
- b. The 16th Annual *Author Night* took place October 11th at 6:00 pm at the Waverly Inn, in Cheshire. The guest speaker Matthew Dicks, a Hartford based author, columnist, blogger and story-teller wowed his audience.. Books he discussed included *Memoirs of an Imaginary Friend* and *Something Missing*. This annual event supports the *Art Heals Program*, which provides art lessons to homebound Cheshire residents for free. Sixty art items have been created with this program with several Artsplace teachers taking part. *Barbara’s Framing and Gallery* frames all artwork so participant can take the artwork home to enjoy. The latest examples are currently on view in the front window at *Barbara’s Gallery* on South Main Street. Ms Mark thanked the committee for its assistance and donations to the event.





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- c. Friends is working on reinstating the Kensett activity book into the Cheshire Public School 3rd Grade Curriculum and are in the process of reprinting for St. Bridget's School.
- d. The Mural Project will have a financial meeting at the end of October, with more information available at the next meeting.

11. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Art Market at Artsplace chairperson Rita Paradis is organizing the 3rd annual art festival. New signs for the event are ready and need to go up after November 7th. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Myjak made a motion that after \$2000 from proceeds of the Artsplace Art Market that is earmarked for the yearly scholarship, after expenses remaining funds will be earmarked for Friends of CPFA/Artsplace. Ms. Torok seconded the motion and the motion passed.

- b. The Cheshire Art League "Art in the Garden Art Show" is up at the Cheshire Nursery until Sunday, October 22nd.

12. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Again this year CPFA/Artsplace Committee will collect items for the "Pajama and Books Program", "Art Supply Program" and canned goods for the Cheshire Pantry during this holiday season.
- b. New Haven Chorale's 3rd Annual Halloween Concert Saturday, October 27 at 2:00PM, Trinity Church on the Green, 230 Temple St., New Haven.
- c. The Cheshire Garden Club will hold its 38th Holiday Luncheon and Boutique on Wednesday, December 5, 2018 at 9:30 am. At the Aqua-Turf in Plantsville, CT.
- d. Members were given a card for artist June Pierpont Webster's "City Rhythms" exhibit at the Woodbury Public Library, November 3rd to the 29th, with an opening Saturday, November 3rd from 2-4pm.
- e. The next meeting will be held at Artsplace, at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, November 13, 2018.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Torok made a motion to adjourn; Ms Karklel seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Agnes Wnuk

