



CHESHIRE PERFORMING FINE ARTS COMMITTEE

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CHESHIRE PERFORMING AND FINE ARTS COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, May 21, 2019, 7:00 PM

Artsplace

1220 Waterbury Road

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Committee Members Present: Monique D'Onofrio, Ophelia Frazier, Katie Giampietro, Joyce Karklel, Donna Lodynsky, Denise Lohr, Signian McGeary, Donna Myjak

Others Present: Beth Crowley (Cheshire Public Library Director)
Donna Mark (Friends of CPFA/Artsplace, Inc.)
Joan Pilarczyk (Artsplace Director)

Absent: Kristy Endriss, (committee member)
Youchung Torok (committee member)
Jill Veiga (committee member)
Patti Flynn-Harris (Cheshire Town Council Representative)

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 - Donna Lodynsky, Chairperson, welcomed members.

4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION – No public communications.

5. APPROVAL of April 16, 2019 Minutes

- a. 8.c. should read “children’s”, not “chilldren’s”.
- b. 12.b. should read “Seven Angels Theatre”, not “Seven Angles”.

Ms. Lohr made motion to accept April Minutes with corrections, seconded by Ms. Karklel and the motion passed.

6. TREASURER’S REPORT – Signian McGeary

- a. Ms McGeary noted that the budget stands at 86.3% currently. It was noted that the \$477.35 from the Arts Day Event was deposited to the CPFA Gift Account under the Scholarship Line. Ms. Lodynsky noted that she took a check of \$200.00 to the Seven Angels Theatre for the chair plaque as discussed; to read “Artsplace” Art School Cheshire Performing and Fine Arts Committee.





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Motion was made by Ms. Giampietro to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Ms. Lohr. The Motion Passed.

7. SECRETARY'S REPORT – Donna Myjak

- a. A thank you card was received from the Giampietro family.

8. LIBRARY DIRECTOR REPORT – Beth Crowley

- a. Ms. Crowley reported that the library is actively looking for a new children's Librarian.
- b. There will be a new database in use for digital media of all types soon.
- c. Friends of the Cheshire Public Library members Tom and Deb Morck are receiving a state of Connecticut library volunteer award for their work with book sales.
- d. The book Sale was held May 1st to 5th and garnered \$14,000.00.
- e. The library's "Food for Fines" program is very successful to date.
- f. The "Cheshire Public Library Staff Art Show" is currently on view in the Mary Baldwin Room.

9. ARTSPLACE REPORT – Joan Pilarczyk

- a. Ms. Pilarczyk mentioned that 305 people are currently signed up for Spring classes and workshops.
- b. Ms. Pilarczyk and Ms. Piedescalzo took part in Webinar Training for the updated Town Webpage.
- c. The summer schedule is currently out and registrations are being taken.
- d. Ms. Pilarczyk mentioned that Ms. Piedescalzo has moved from a clerk to a secretary position.
- e. The Artsplace Student, Teacher, Staff Art Show" will be on view at the public Library in July, including a reception on Wednesday, July 17th at 6:30 PM with the assistance of the the CPFA committee.
- f. There are new lights installed on the exterior of the building for better visibility at night.
- g. The Cheshire historical Society is looking for new items for their Boutique. They are also looking for vendors for the June 8th "Strawberry Festival".
- h. Ms. Pilarczyk spoke about the "Art Heals" Video that is currently available. Ms. Mark noted that she would like a link to the Friends of Artsplace webpage. Ms. Lodynsky mentioned that it would be a good idea to show the video at the next Connecticut Arts Day event.
- i. Ms. Pilarczyk is hoping to upgrade the sound system for better audio during public events.
- j. Ms. Pilarczyk and Ms. Piedescalzo will be going for CPR recertification May 22nd.





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10. FRIENDS OF CPFA/ARTSPPLACE, INC. – Donna Mark

- a. Ms. Mark noted that the Author Event will take place at the “Manor Inn” in Southington this year, on October 2nd. The author, Okey Ndibe will talk about his first book “Arrows of Rain”, his upcoming third book and his memoires. A tote bag of the author’s book or books will be available for book groups at the Cheshire Public Library.
- b. A Dance Company will once again put on a show and conduct a workshop at Artsplace on August 25th. The entrance is free to the public.
- c. There is the possibility of a puppet show in February or March of next year.

11. OLD BUSINESS

- a. The checks for the two CPFA Scholarship Award winners will be presented on June 18th at the beginning of the next CPFA meeting at 7:00 pm. Each winner receives \$1000.00 for their first year. The recipients are Sara Drozdowski and Maya Kosztoltz.

12. NEW BUSINESS

- a. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at Artsplace at 7:00PM.

13. ADJOURNMENT

*Ms. Carter made a motion to adjourn; Ms. Myjak seconded the Motion.
Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:49 P.M.*

Respectfully submitted by,
Agnes Wnuk

