



CHESHIRE PERFORMING FINE ARTS COMMITTEE

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CHESHIRE PERFORMING AND FINE ARTS COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, June 18, 2019, 7:00 PM

Artsplace

1220 Waterbury Road

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Committee Members Present: Kristy Endriss, Katie Giampietro, Joyce Karklel, Donna Lodynsky, Denise Lohr, Signian McGeary, Donna Myjak, Youchung Torok, Jill Veiga

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

Absent: Patti Flynn-Harris (Representative, Cheshire Town Council)
Monique D'Onofrio (CPFA member)
Ophelia Frazier (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 7:04 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. WELCOME REMARKS – Chairwoman Donna Lodynsky welcomed all members and Sara Drozdowski, one of the recipients of the annual CPFA Scholarship Award, and her father. Ms. Drozdowski thanked the committee and explained her choice of fields and her future plans, after which she was presented with a check and flowers by Ms. Myjak, lead of scholarship committee.

4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION – No public communications.

6. APPROVAL of May 21, 2019 Minutes

a. Adjournment should read “*Ms. Frazier made a motion to adjourn*”.

Ms. Lohr made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 21st meeting as updated.

Ms. Karklel seconded the motion, Ms. Myjak abstained. The motion passed.





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6. TREASURER'S REPORT – Ms. McGeary

- a. Ms. McGeary reported that the budget continues on target for the end of this fiscal year.

7. SECRETARY'S REPORT – Ms. Myjak

- a. Ms. Myjak mentioned that a *Thank you card* was received from high school student, Angelina Rezzo, who was appreciative of being allowed to do volunteer work at Artsplace.

8. LIBRARY DIRECTOR REPORT – Beth Crowley, Cheshire Public Library Director

- a. Ms. Crowley noted that the *Food for Fines* was successful, providing 172 lbs. of food for the food pantry.
- b. Ms. Crowley described the *Summer Reading Adventure*, beginning June 21st and ending August 16th with a finale, including ice cream. The librarians created a video for the program that is accessible on the library webpage.
- c. Rita Paradis, Tony Ruggiero and Liz Scott will have artwork hanging at the Cheshire Public Library in the front entrance.

9. ARTSPLACE REPORT – Ms. Joan Pilarczyk

- a. Ms. Pilarczyk mentioned that she will try to help other area towns to create Art Heals programs, similar to the Cheshire Artsplace Program.
- b. Staff and board members will take part in a CPR/AED training session on June 25th.
- c. Pina's Giving Garden has new herbs but needs more for this new season. All members of the public are welcome to take herbs as needed.
- d. Ms. Pilarczyk related that the Cheshire Herald has a new location in the Cornwall House on the corner of Cornwall Avenue and Route 10.

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

- a. Ms. Mark mentioned that the Kensett book has been distributed to local schools.
- b. Ms. Mark noted that the Friends group would provide 21 original puzzle pieces for the mural in town.
- c. It was reported that Mr. Mark Kasinskas has proposed bike rack sculptures be put up around town.
- d. Ms. Mark reported that there will be a workshop and crafts for children after the Cecchetti Ballet of Cheshire free performance at Artsplace, Sunday, August 25, 1:00 pm.

11. OLD BUSINESS





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12. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Ms. Pilarczyk mentioned the audio system in the upper level of the Artsplace building would be updated.
- b. Ms. Pilarczyk reminded member that the opening reception for the annual Teacher & Student Art Show would take place on July 17th, 6:30 to 8:00 pm.
- c. Ms. Mark noted that tickets for the Author Event would go on sale following the Ballet performance at Artsplace.
- d. Ms. Pilarczyk mentioned that Ball & Socket Arts would be holding an “Evening in White” on August 22nd. There will be 300 tickets available on the Ball & Socket website.
- e. Ms. McGeary reported on the Strawberry Festival, and the sculptures of Mr. Mark Leary.
- f. Ms. Wnuk mentioned that she has some paintings hanging at Sacrosanct Gallery in East Hampton, CT until June 30th.

13. ADJOURNMENT

*Ms. McGeary made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Endriss.
Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:48 P.M.*

Respectfully submitted by,

Agnes Wnuk

