



CHESHIRE PERFORMING FINE ARTS COMMITTEE

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CHESHIRE PERFORMING AND FINE ARTS COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, July 16, 2019, 7:00 PM

Artsplace

1220 Waterbury Road

Cheshire, CT 06410

Committee Members Present: Monique D'Onofrio, Kristy Endriss, Ophelia Frazier, Katie Giampietro, Donna Lodynsky, Denise Lohr, Donna Myjak, Youchung Torok

Others Present: Joan Pilarczyk (Director, Artsplace)
Deb Rutter (Cheshire Public Library Deputy-Director)

Absent: Patti Flynn-Harris (Representative, Cheshire Town Council)
Donna Mark (President, Friends of CPFA/Artsplace, Inc.)
Joyce Karklel (CPFA member)
Signian McGeary (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 7:02 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. WELCOME REMARKS – Chairwoman Donna Lodynsky welcomed all members and guests

4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION – No public communications.

5. APPROVAL of June 18, 2019 Minutes

*Ms. Torok made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 18th meeting as updated.
Ms. Lohr seconded the motion. The motion passed.*

6. TREASURER'S REPORT – Ms. Pilarczyk for Ms. McGeary

a. It was reported that last year's budget ended at 100.9% for the fiscal year. There has been 8.3% used in the new fiscal year for summer classes.

Ms. Giampietro made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Ms. Frazier seconded the motion. The motion passed.





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7. SECRETARY'S REPORT – Ms. Myjak

- a. Ms. Myjak mentioned that a *Thank You* card was received from the *Seven Angels Theater* for the donation made by the committee of \$200 towards their “Best Seat in the House” program.

8. LIBRARY DIRECTOR REPORT –

Ms. Deb Rutter, Cheshire Public Library Deputy-Director

- a. Ms. Rutter mentioned that the Artsplace Art Show is up at the library in the Mary Baldwin Room and that Artsplace teacher artworks are hanging in the front hall of the library.
- b. Approximately 800 to 900 people are coming to the library daily this summer. The statistics are thanks to a new system of counting patrons.
- c. There is a new *Children's Librarian*, Ms. Andrea Willard.

9. ARTSPLACE REPORT – Ms. Joan Pilarczyk

- a. Ms. Pilarczyk mentioned that \$124,000 was received last year for all classes.
- b. The Staff and board members CPR/AED training session on June 25th was successful.
- c. *Pina's Giving Garden* has new herbs but needs weeding. The public is welcome to take cuttings of the herbs home.
- d. It was reported that a new sound system was installed in the upper room of Artsplace.
- e. Summer enrollment is up from last year's 270 to 295. Teen assistants have been helping with workshops and camps. All teachers and aides are wearing blue Artsplace aprons. Red aprons will be available on sale for the public.
- f. Many new teachers have been hired and they will be doing demonstrations of their art this coming September 5th at an Open House at Artsplace, free and open to the public.
- g. Ms. Pilarczyk will be conducting a talk about Kensett to the Cheshire Junior Women's Club March 5th, 2020, at 12:30.
- h. The Town of Cheshire has a new webpage and each department is responsible for their own page.
- i. Ball and Socket Arts will have their second annual “Evening in White on August 22nd”. tickets are available on their webpage.
- j. Ms. Pilarczyk reminded members that the opening reception for the annual Teacher & Student Art Show would take place on July 17th, 6:30 to 8:00 pm.
- k. *Artsplace Art Market* will take place in November with 29 artists and crafters.
- l. The Junior Women's Club kindly donated \$250.00 to Artsplace for students or supplies. Ms. Pilarczyk asked the committee to consider putting the money into the Escrow Account and using \$100 towards replacing the Etch-a-Sketches used frequently in the waiting room, and that the remaining \$150 be used for \$50 vouchers for student scholarships.





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Motion was made by Ophelia Frazier to allocate \$100.00 towards purchase of sketchers for the Artsplace front lobby and 3\$50.00 scholarship awards for youth to attend Artsplace classes.

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

- a. It was reported that the tickets for the 2019 Author Night will be sold the day of the ballet performance at Artsplace Sunday, August 25th at 1:00 pm. There will be a workshop and crafts for children after the Cecchetti Ballet of Cheshire free performance at Artsplace, The public is invited to attend.
- b. The Friends committee is assessing the individual piece, unit costs for the mural project.
- c. Ms. Mark will be coordinating with Mr. Mark Kasinskas about the proposed bike rack sculptures for the town.
- d. Last year's Author Night author, Matthew Dicks, has had two new books published.
- e. This year's guest author Okey Ndibe, author of *Foreign Gods, Inc.*, *Arrows of Rain* and *Never Look an American in the Eye*. The event will take place at the "The Manor Inn" on Wednesday, October 2, 2019 at 6:00 pm.

11. OLD BUSINESS no old business.

12. NEW BUSINESS

- a. The next meeting will take place September 17th at 7:00pm.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Torok made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Lohr.

Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Agnes Wnuk

