



## CHESHIRE PERFORMING FINE ARTS COMMITTEE

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### CHESHIRE PERFORMING AND FINE ARTS COMMITTEE MEETING

**June 16, 2020 7:00 pm**

**Artsplace**

**1220 Waterbury Road**

**Cheshire, CT 06410**

**Committee Members Present:** Ophelia Frazier, Youchung Torok, Jill Veiga, Donna Lodynsky, Denise Lohr, Donna Myjak

**Others Present:**

Joan Pilarczyk (Director, Artsplace)

Beth Crowley (Cheshire Public Library Director)

Donna Mark (President of Friends of CPFA/Artsplace, Inc.)

**Absent:**

Sylvia Nichols (Cheshire Town Council)

Monique D'Onofrio (CPFA member)

Kristy Endriss (CPFA member)

Katie Giampietro (CPFA member)

Joyce Karklel (CPFA member)

Signian McGearry (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 7:06 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Welcome Remarks:** Chairwoman Lodynsky welcomed all members
4. **Public Communication** – No public communications.
5. **Approval of May 19, 2020 minutes:**

3. Should read: Recipient Samantha Nowak will attend the University of Miami, where she will study architecture. She is passionate about design and STEM classes. Participating in an internship at an architectural firm last summer helped her decide on a course of study. She is thankful for the scholarship that will help her pursue her studies next year.

Motion to accept minutes made by Ms. Frasier and seconded by Ms. Lohr.





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**6. Treasurer's Report:** Ms. Pilarczyk reported for Ms. McGeary, who was unable to attend. Ms. Pilarczyk reported that 85% of budget has been used to date, and that at least \$10,000 will be returned to Town. Ms. Frazier made a motion to accept the report. Motion was seconded by Ms. Torok and the motion passed.

**7. Secretary's Report:** Ms. Myjak reported that there is no secretary's report at this time. Ms. Lodynsky asked that the Sunshine fund be used to send a gift to Ms. McGeary while she is convalescing.

**8. Library Report:**

- a. Ms. Crowley reported that since March, the Cheshire Public Library has conducted 54 virtual programs with 800 participants.
- b. The Summer Reading Program is open and running until August 15, and is open to all ages with different quests to complete.
- c. Staff are returning to the library on Thursday, June 18, 2020. And the book drop is now open. There are 300 holds that will be processed and available for curbside pickup at the back entrance. There are no fines currently and may be suspended going forward.
- d. Roof project is completed with roof and air handling units repaired and replaced.
- e. Ms. Lodynsky asked the director about information concerning geocaching that the library may have recorded. This was a project that CPFA did several years ago and there are clues located in both Mixville Park and Roaring Brook. This is a wonderful activity for parents and children to do together during Covid 19 and to get people outside.

**9. Friends of CPFA/Artsplace Report:**

- a. Ms. Donna Mark reported that the groups' next meeting will be held on June 25th.
- b. Ms. Mark also reported that there is a new client for the Art Heals program with the art teacher using an Ipad.

**10. Artsplace Report:**

- a. Ms. Pilarczyk thanked Ms. Karen Piedescalzo for all her hard work getting Artsplace ready for classes. There is a new set up for 9 teen and adult students upstairs with safety products and spacing. Each student has a box of materials. Fans will be installed in windows to pull air out of the room.
- b. Online classes will be filmed on the third week for teens and adults. A cameraman has been hired.
- c. A Summer Fashion Design Challenge for three age groups, children thru adults will be comprised of four separate design challenges. The same doll will be used for all four. A nominal fee will be charged to participate. Doll will be accompanied by fabric and embellishments. Information about this fun program, in conjunction with the Cheshire Public Library will be released shortly.
- d. Another summer project is a "Mystery Grab Bag" sculpture challenge. Each person will get a bag of items to use in this challenge. More information is forthcoming.
- e. There is a proposal from a Cheshire resident to create a poster project with the themes of unity, caring and hope. Posters might be placed in local businesses.





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### 11. Old Business:

a. Ms. Pilarczyk asked if there might be a volunteer who would like to weed and mulch Pina's Garden at Artsplace.

### 12. New Business:

a. Ms. Wnuk reported on the Ball & Socket Arts "Evening in White" scheduled for July 16<sup>th</sup>. This year the event is free and virtual. There is information on the group's Facebook and webpage. There will be auction prizes.

b. Cheshire youth theater will be holding an online Theatre cabaret course this summer for young people, which will be led by instructor Jocelyn Pennell. Those interested can get more information from Rochele at Elim Park, in the theater.

c. Adjournment: Ms. Veiga made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Frazier seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by Agnes Wnuk

