

Cheshire Performing and Fine Arts Committee Meeting

September 15, 2020 7:30 pm
Artsplace
1220 Waterbury Road
Cheshire, CT 06410

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

Others Present:

Joan Pilarczyk (Artsplace Director)
Sylvia Nichols (Cheshire Town Council)

Absent:

Beth Crowley (Cheshire Public Library Director)
Kristy Endriss (CPFA member)
Donna Myjak (CPFA member)
Donna Mark (President of Friends of CPFA/Artsplace, Inc.)

- 1. Determination of Quorum:** A quorum was present for this meeting.
- 2. Call to Order and salute of flag:** Chairwoman Lodynsky called meeting to order at 7:33pm.
- 3. Welcome remarks:** Chairwoman Lodynsky welcomed all members and others present.
- 4. Public Communications:** No public communications.
- 5. Approval of June 16th 2020 minutes:**

10.c. Should read: *"The doll will be accompanied by fabric and embellishments."*

Motion to accept minutes made by Ms. Lohr, seconded by Ms. McGeary.

6. Treasurer's Report: Ms. McGeary noted that the committee was on target. Ms. Pilarczyk mentioned that at 16% Artsplace is under target for the year.

Motion made by Ms. Karklel to accept the Treasurer's Report, and Ms. Veiga seconded.

7. Secretary's Report: Ms. Lodynsky read a thank you card from Ms. Agnes Wnuk thanking members for their kind condolence cards received by the Wnuk family.

8. Library Report: A letter from the Cheshire Public Library was attached for members to the meeting packet. The main point being that the library will open to the public on September 16th.

9. Friends of CPFA/Artsplace Report: The Artful Attire Challenge was transferred from a Friends project to an Artsplace project. The organization will create a Scarecrow for the Cheshire Scarecrow project and place it in front of the Artsplace building.

10. Artsplace Report:

a. Ms. Pilarczyk mentioned the herb garden that was developed into a vegetable garden by Karen

Piedescalzo to great effect and productivity. Residents and people from the Cheshire Dog Park having been taking advantage of it this summer.

b. Three classes have started upstairs at Artsplace. Fans are used in the windows for better airflow. Students have their own box of materials; Artsplace staff clean tables, chairs, railings doorknobs after class. Bathrooms are per person only and there is a ten minute period before the next person can enter the room, and air purifiers have been installed.

c. June Webster has retired and Ms. Pilarczyk is looking for watercolor and oils painting teachers as replacements.

d. Workshops are on their way next. Ms. Pilarczyk is editing the filming that was done this summer. There are also homeschool classes with Zoom for students.

e. Fashion Design Challenge had 46 participants. The results were wonderful and the judges had trouble deciding the winners. Jared Goldman from the Cheshire Public Library made videos of the resulting dolls in costume. The project will be done again next year.

f. Virtual Marketplace will not take place this year because of logistics. Instead there will be a video teaching last year's participants on showing and selling their art on Etsy made available.

g. Scarecrow Project is a town wide event. Organizations and businesses are asked to build their own scarecrow and to either display him in front of their business or on the Town Green.

h. Artsplace will create a scarecrow that will stand at the Town Green. Members will work as a group on the project on Tuesday, September 22 outside at Artsplace. Pumpkins bearing the name Artsplace will stand around the scarecrow.

11. New Business:

a. Ms. D'Onofrio made a motion for the Scarecrow Project:

"...I move to take \$25.00 from the Escrow account to pay for Artsplace entry in the Scarecrow Program."
All members were in favor and the motion passes.

b. Adjournment: The Meeting ended at 8:33 with a motion from Ms. D'Onofrio and seconded by Ms. Frazier. The next meeting is at 7:00 at Artsplace on October 20th.

Submitted respectfully by,
Agnes Wnuk