

Cheshire Performing and Fine Arts Committee Meeting
Tuesday, October 20, 2020
Artsplace
1220 Waterbury Road
Cheshire, CT 06410

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

Others Present:

Joan Pilarczyk (Artsplace Director)
Donna Mark (President of Friends of CPFA/Artsplace, Inc.)
Sylvia Nichols (Cheshire Town Council)

Absent:

Beth Crowley (Cheshire Public Library Director)
Katie Giampietro (CPFA member)
Joyce Karklel (CPFA member)
Donna Myjak (CPFA member)

- 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 7:07pm.
- 3. Welcome remarks:** Chairwoman Lodynsky welcomed all members and others present.
- 4. Public Communications:** No public communications.
- 5. Approval of September 15th 2020 minutes:**

6. "Accpet should read accept".

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

6. Treasurer's Report: Ms. McGeary noted that the committee was on target at 21.4%. Ms. Pilarczyk mentioned that in previous years the budget was at 30% at the same time.

Motion made by Ms. Lohr to accpet the Treasurer's Report, and Ms. Frazier seconded.

7. Secretary's Report: No report.

8. Library Report: No report.

9. Friends of CPFA/Artsplace Report: Ms. Mark mentioned that the group will extend membership for a year.

10. Artsplace Report:

- There are currently 100 pupils taking a two-hour class in am or pm, Monday thru Thursday, with one hour disinfecting and sanitizing in between. Nine students maximum per class. Classes include, pastels, oils, acrylics and colored pencils.
- The "Artful Attire Challenge" was completed and Jessica Hurwitt was the grand prize winner.
- We have received no suitable candidates for an internship at this time from Quinnipiac University,

though we remain hopeful.

d. The "Scarecrows Project" has been a great success. The almost seventy participants in the "Scarecrow Project" exceeded expectations of the Scarecrow planning committee. This event has been a great community success, sparking many more scarecrows about town. Though many missed the registration deadline, they are taking part in the fun nonetheless! Photos of the scarecrows enrolled and a map are on the Cheshire Public Library website. The award ceremony will take place Sunday, Oct. 25 at the back of the Town Hall at 4pm. Scarecrow Chair Kim Wantroba has produced certificates to present the 22 winners.

11. New Business:

a. There is a pumpkin decorating contest at Dodd Middle School on the 26th and 27th. The contest will be judged by Donald Lodynsky chair of CPS Faye and board members Jill Veiga and Youy Torok. Artsplace donated a \$25.00 Artsplace Gift Certificate.

b. A discussion about a new approach for art in the Town Council chambers is being considered and supported by representative Sylvia Nichols. Ms. Nichols also suggested that with the Chambers not in use at this time, the proposed plan could include the Town Hall lobby. Joan Pilarczyk will meet with the Town Managers to share the idea and sample. A follow up will be shared at the next CPFA Board Meeting.

c. The next meeting is at 7:00pm at Artsplace on November 17th.

d. Adjournment: The meeting ended at 7:57pm with a motion from Ms. D'Onofrio and seconded by Ms. McGeary.

Submitted respectfully by,
Agnes Wnuk