



## CHESHIRE PERFORMING FINE ARTS COMMITTEE

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### CHESHIRE PERFORMING AND FINE ARTS COMMITTEE MEETING

**Tuesday, January 17, 2011, 7:30 PM**

**Artsplace**

**1220 Waterbury Road**

**Cheshire, CT 06410**

**Committee Members Present:** Nancy Burt, Nancy Bussmann, Ophelia Frazier, Roxsolana Gordon, Doug Levens, Donna Lodynsky, Denise Lohr, Donna Myjak, Jackie Townes

**Others Present:** Sandy Petela (Deputy Director of Cheshire Parks & Recreation)  
Joan Pilarczyk (Artsplace Director)

**Absent:** Elizabeth Cressy

1. **DETERMINATION OF QUORUM** - A quorum was present for this meeting.
2. **CALL TO ORDER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG**  
Chairwoman Lodynsky called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **WELCOME REMARKS - Donna Lodynsky, Chairperson**
  - a. Ms. Lodynsky thanked Ms. Gordon for her work with the Committee, especially for her work on "Artsday" and leadership on "Metalworks" events. Ms. Lodynsky noted that the committee will see her leave with great sadness.
  - b. Ms. Lodynsky presented the dates of forthcoming meetings in the 2012 year:

February 28, 2012	August 21, 2012
March 20, 2012	September 11, 2012
April 24, 2012	October 16, 2012
May 15, 2012	November 13, 2012
June 19, 2012	December 4, 2012
July 17, 2012	January 15, 2013

**4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION** – None

**5. APPROVAL of December 6, 2011 Minutes**

*Ms. Bussmann made a motion to accept the approved minutes, seconded by Ms. Lohr.  
Motion passed.*





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### **6. TREASURER'S REPORT – Ophelia Frazier**

- a. The 2011-2012 Budget is on target.
- b. It was asked whether money appropriated for a new Artsday Banner was used?  
Ms. Pilarczyk showed the two new banners that were made recently, at a terrific savings, with a special coupon from Staples and expert help from Liz Augustine. The committee was delighted with the results.

*Motion was made by Ms. Townes to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Mr. Levens.*

*All in favor – no one against*

*Motion Passed*

### **7. SECRETARY'S REPORT – Nancy Burt**

Ms. Burt presented the following thank you notes received by the Committee. There was a card from Ms. Petela and one from Ms. Burt. The "One Book One Town" committee thanked Ms. Pilarczyk for the support and help with the Author evening held at the Cheshire Public Library and for providing the portable sound system. Mr. Frank M. Loehmann, the treasurer for the Cheshire Community Food Pantry sent a letter to the CPFA Committee thanking them for collecting 69lbs of food and a monetary donation.

### **8. THEATRE CLASSES – Sandy Petela**

Of the nine classes offered by the Parks and Recreation only one Theater class is running during the Winter Session. It is the "Beginner Musical Theater" Class for grades 2-6. No theatre classes will be held at Artsplace this session.

### **9. THEATRE SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT – Jackie Townes**

- a. The Theatre Sub-Committee has interviewed a candidate for the position of Theater Summer Camp Director. The program will be available for 15 to 25 or 30 students.
- b. The Theatre Sub-Committee is meeting with older students to discuss a possible summer venue for them for the 2012 season.

### **10. ARTSPLACE REPORT – Joan Pilarczyk**

a. Kensett Project – Agnes Wnuk is preparing text for the Power Point presentation of Kensett's life. Jenifer Lamie will request reprint permission from museums holding Kensett works next. Committee discussed a possible "Kensett Kickoff" party on May 18<sup>th</sup> for all involved in the project. However, the general timeline of the entire Kensett program has had to be lengthened to satisfy technical aspects of both the activity book





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and the Power Point presentation. All involved are very pleased with the quality of the work thus far.

b. Joan plans to add funds to the FY'13 budget to develop new programming at Artsplace on Sunday afternoons for teens and adults. Staff hours would be increased by 10 hrs and a program coordinator hired. If this proposal is accepted by the Town Council, it would be at no additional outlay of funds, as revenues raised from the new classes would offset the expenses.

c. Artsplace will be working with Parks and Recreation to train and implement on a new data base called Rec Trac/WebTrac. In the future this will allow students the ability to register for classes online and also pay by credit card.

d. Gene Caraballo hopes to return soon as a building supervisor.

e. "BagelTag" with the Cheshire Public Library was a success for all involved. The town plans to repeat this program next year, which enables town departments a chance to visit one another.

### 11. OLD BUSINESS

a. Ms. Lohr noted that 9 of 15 artists have confirmed that they will take part in the 2012 Artsday. Volunteers are needed from 12 to 4:30.

b. Mr. Levens presented a spreadsheet with tasks, dates and people who are signed up for each Artsday activity.

### 12. NEW BUSINESS

a. Ms. Lodynsky read a thank you letter from the 2011 Scholarship recipient.

b. Nancy Burt was asked to prepare a slate for the 2012/2013 committee board.

c. Next Meeting – Tuesday, February 28, 2012 at 7:30 PM at Artsplace.

### 13. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Myjak made a motion to adjourn; Ms. Bussmann seconded Motion.

Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by  
Agnes Wnuk

