



CHESHIRE PERFORMING FINE ARTS COMMITTEE

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CHESHIRE PERFORMING AND FINE ARTS COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, March 20, 2012, 7:30 PM

Artsplace

1220 Waterbury Road

Cheshire, CT 06410

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

Others Present: Sandy Petela (Deputy Director of Cheshire Parks & Recreation)
Joan Pilarczyk (Artsplace Director), Joyce Karklel, Maricele Reimann

Absent: Elizabeth Cressy (Friends of CPFA/Artsplace, Inc.)

Absent: Ms. Patti Flynn-Harris, (Cheshire Town Council Representative)

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

Chairwoman Lodynsky welcomed two guests and prospective, new committee members, Ms. Joyce Karklel and Ms. Maricele Riemann. She also thanked program chairs Ms. Lohr and Mr. Levens for a very successful 24th Annual Artsday.

4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION – None

5. APPROVAL of February 28, 2012 Minutes

The following amendments were noted from the February 28, 2012 meeting minutes:

- a. "others present" section should include: Ms. Patti Flynn-Harris, (Cheshire Town Council Representative)
- b. In 7.b.: The Energy Challenge checks were intended for the Escrow Account.
- c. In 9.a.: The Radio Show will be held on July 19, 2012.
- d. In 10.a.: Carmella DeSomma was recognized by the Pastel Society of America and June Webster was recognized by the American Watercolor Society.

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





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6. TREASURER'S REPORT – Ophelia Frazier

- a. The 2011/2012 budget continues on target with 70% of the budget spent.

Motion was made by Ms. Lohr to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Ms. Townes. All in favor – no one against. The Motion Passed.

7. SECRETARY'S REPORT – Nancy Burt

- a. Ms. Burt read a thank you letter from St. Bridget's School's "13th Annual Denim and Diamonds Auction" co-chairs for the committee's donation.

8. THEATRE CLASSES – Sandy Petela

- a. The "Beginning Musical Theatre" class, for grades 2-6, held at the Youth Center ended on March 17, 2012. Spring classes will begin April 14, 2012.

9. THEATRE SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT – Jackie Townes

- a. The "Radio Show" program will begin in May.
- b. The two week "Theatre Camp" will be held at Artsplace this summer, between July 30 and August 10, and from 9am to 4pm.

10. ARTSPLACE REPORT – Joan Pilarczyk

- a. Ms. Pilarczyk described her Fine Arts Budget presentation to the Cheshire Town Council on March 15, 2012.
- b. Spring Session enrollment includes 80 students currently.
- c. Kensett project update – cost analysis of images to accompany multimedia presentation currently being investigated. Complicated photo shoot for last five pictures scheduled for next week over several days.
- d. Ms. Pilarczyk has proposed to the Town that a professional Employee Professional Development Day for town employees be held at Artsplace on June 8, from 9:00am-12:30 pm for 24-30 employees.
- e. Ms. Pilarczyk presented the committee with copies of an article in the Cheshire Historical Society newsletter.
- f. Ms. Pilarczyk received an application for a donation from the Cheshire Art League for their spring show. Artsplace will provide a \$50.00 gift certificate as a prize.
- g. Chamber of Commerce asks for materials for the informational packets for new Cheshire residents. Ms. Lodynsky suggested "Original Works" magnets of Artsplace be included.
- h. Cornerstone Church requested a donation from Artsplace for an Egg Drop, April 7, 2012.





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11. 24th Annual Artsday – March 11, 2012 Report – Denise Lohr and Doug Levens

- b. Artsday was held at the Cheshire Academy on Sunday, March 11, 2012 from 1:00-4:00pm with 14 artists assisting 536 guests create original artwork. There were 50 volunteers, and Ms. Gordon prepared certificates of participation for them. Members discussed a long list of possible ideas for the 25th Annual Artsday in 2013.

Ms. Townes made a motion to join the money from candy sales at Artsplace with the proceeds from Artsday 2012 and deposit them together. Seconded by Ms. Bussmann. The motion passed.

Ms. Burt made a motion to take the \$453.03 that was donated by participants at Artsday, March 11, 2012 plus the \$25.00 from the Artsplace Candy Sales and deposit it in the Gift Account Scholarship Fund given by CPFA to a graduating Cheshire High School senior majoring in theatre or the arts in college. Seconded by Ms. Townes. The motion passed.

12. Friends of CPFA/Artsplace, Inc. – Joan Pilarczyk for Elizabeth Cressy

- a. The 10th Annual Author Event will be held on Wednesday, October 3, 2012 at the Cheshire Parks and Recreation Building.

13. OLD BUSINESS

- a. The “Jack Tuesday – A Fairytale Investigator” Puppet Show will take place on April 22, 2012, from 2:00-3:00pm at Artsplace, in honor of Sterling Jewett. Tickets are free to the public but registrations are needed. Three workshops will be held from 3:00-4:00pm.
- b. The committee chose another date for the April meeting, due to a scheduling conflict, choosing April 10th as the new meeting date.

The Committee voted for Tuesday, April 10, 2012 to be the new April meeting date. All approved. So moved.

At 9:40 Ms. Townes made a motion to extend the meeting. Ms. Burt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting continued.

14. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Ms. Burt presented the slate of officers for the 2012/2013 CPFA Committee.
 - Chairperson - Donna Lodynsky
 - Co-Chairperson - Jackie Townes
 - Treasurer - Ophelia Frazier
 - Corresponding Secretary - Donna Myjak





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Ms. Townes made a motion that the committee close the nomination; Ms. Burt seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously and the nominations were closed.

Ms. Townes made a motion that the committee vote for all nominations in one vote; Ms. Lohr seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- b. Mr. Levens reported his conversation with consultant Jack Russell from the Shoreline Arts Alliance. The consultant provides 4 to 16 hours of consulting, facilitating, strategic planning for an organization at a minimum charge as the majority of the fee is underwritten by the Arts Council.
- c. Fall Festival discussion was moved to the April meeting.
- d. The “Neighbor to Neighbor” organization will hold a meeting at the Cheshire Public Library, on Thursday, March 29, 2012, at 1:00pm. Ms. Lodynsky and Ms. Pilarczyk will attend the meeting.
- e. The next CPFA meeting will be held at Artsplace at 7:30pm, on April 10, 2012.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Townes made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Levens seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 9:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by
Agnes Wnuk

