



## CHESHIRE PERFORMING FINE ARTS COMMITTEE

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### CHESHIRE PERFORMING AND FINE ARTS COMMITTEE MEETING

**Tuesday, May 15, 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:** Patti Flynn-Harris, (Cheshire Town Council Representative)  
Sandy Petela (Deputy Director of Cheshire Parks & Recreation)  
Joan Pilarczyk (Artsplace Director),  
Ms. Joyce Karklel, Ms. Maricele Riemann, Ms. Cheryl Pinkham

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

- 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 those present, who had expressed an interest in joining the committee, noting that there are currently nine members and two places left to be filled.
- 4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION** – Ms. Frazier noted that the “Suburban Garden Club of Cheshire” has worked diligently to maintain the front garden of Artsplace. She mentioned that Ms. Inga Venus asked that when parking, not to back near the garden so as not to disturb, nor destroy the plantings.
- 5. APPROVAL of March 20, 2012 Minutes**
  - a.** A change was noted under #12. Fall Festival Table: it should have read that “if” we have a table at the Cheshire Fall Festival.

*Ms. Lohr made a motion to accept the minutes with corrections, seconded by Ms. Frazier. Motion passed.*





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

- a. Ms. Frazier mentioned that there remain 6 weeks till the end of the fiscal year 2011/2012. Ms. Frazier and Ms. Pilarczyk will put in a request for a color printer, for which use students will be required to pay \$1.00.

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

### 7. SECRETARY'S REPORT – Donna Myjak

- a. There was no report at this time.

### 8. THEATRE CLASSES – Sandy Petela

- a. The “Beginner Musical Theatre Workshop” has seven participants currently, while the “Musical Theatre Workshop” has four, this Spring.

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

- a. The “Radio Show” program continues taking applications.

### 10. ARTSPLACE REPORT – Joan Pilarczyk

- a. Ms. Pilarczyk reported that there are currently 25 years worth of photographs from CPFA that need compiling and sorting, with an accurate historical account of events completed.
- b. Spring Session enrollment currently includes 24 classes with 11 teachers.
- c. The Summer Schedule is completed and available. The response thus far has been positive. Ms. Lodynsky noted that the flier provided by the Cheshire Herald was very beneficial in generating interest. Ms. Burt delivered fliers to the Cheshire Public Schools.
- d. Ms. Pilarczyk recommended that the Board see the Martin Klein 3-D wax sculpture exhibit at the New Britain Museum of American Art. Free tickets are available courtesy of the Cheshire Public Library.
- e. Scholarship forms, in honor of Pina Genti Jaroslow, are available. The scholarship, for 5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> graders, provides \$150.00 towards any Summer 2012 Program at Artsplace or a complimentary one week Cheshire Parks and Recreation Camp. There has been no response thus far. The award is not need based and only requires an essay.





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

- a. The Friends met last week and purchased a laptop from the Kensett Grant. The CPFA portion of \$547.00 was from the Art Challenge. The computer will be shared with the Theatre Group.
- b. The Friends have contributed \$2,400.00 towards the cost of the Kensett Book, for which 12 of the 24 illustrations are completed. Ms. Donna Mark will be working on procuring publisher's quotes.

### 12. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Mr. Levens discussed his meeting with Cheshire Academy's Francois Poisson, regarding a larger facility to hold Artsday in 2013, due to the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary and in anticipation of a larger attendance. The Academy could offer several separate locations. Ms. Townes suggested contacting Cheshire High School and asking about the use of the Cafeteria and the Commons.
- b. Ms. Pilarczyk would like to frame the original Kensett drawings for the Town Council Chambers.
- c. Ms. Petela recommended that the Kensett Program for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Cheshire teachers could be made part of Professional Development.

### 14. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Ms. Harris suggested that a future gala, promoting the Kensett Project, would be an idea worth pursuing. She would like to involve the Metropolitan Museum of Art and their Hudson River Specialist.
- b. The next meeting is Tuesday, June 19, 2012 at Artsplace.

### 15. ADJOURNMENT

*Ms. Townes made a motion to adjourn; Ms. Bussmann seconded the Motion.  
Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:55 P.M.*

Respectfully submitted by  
Donna Myjak and Agnes Wnuk

