



## CHESHIRE PERFORMING FINE ARTS COMMITTEE

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### CHESHIRE PERFORMING AND FINE ARTS COMMITTEE MEETING

**Tuesday, September 11, 2012, 7:30 PM**

**Artsplace**

**1220 Waterbury Road**

**Cheshire, CT 06410**

**Committee Members Present:** Nancy Burt, Nancy Bussmann, Ophelia Frazier, Joyce Karklel, Doug Levens, Donna Lodynsky, Donna Myjak, Maricele Riemann, Jackie Townes

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

**Absent:** Cheryl Pinkham  
Patti Flynn-Harris, (Cheshire Town Council Representative)  
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 7:35 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Lodynsky asked for a moment of silence in honor of the victims of 9-11 and their families.

**3. WELCOME REMARKS** - Donna Lodynsky, Chairperson

Chairwoman Lodynsky thanked everyone who assisted at the The 24th Annual Cheshire Fall Festival and Marketplace.

**4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION** – There were no public communications.

**5. APPROVAL of July 17, 2012 Minutes**

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

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

a. Ms. Frazier noted that the 2012/2013 budget is on target.

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





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*Motion was made by Ms. Myjak to move Old Business up earlier in the meeting, seconded by Ms. Bussmann. All accepted the change and motion passed.*

### **7. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Mr. Levens reported on the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Cheshire Fall Festival and Marketplace. The CPFA Committee members manned the booth which was among the other Town Department tables. Post-it Notes with CPFA Artsplace information were handed out to participants. A Caricaturist provided free drawings and Committee Member Cheryl Pinkham provided face painting. Recommendations for next year included: Weights to keep table cloth and promotional materials down in case of inclement weather; the creation of a budget for next year; setting up earlier, at 9:00 AM since many people were already attending at 10:00AM this year. The creation and purchase of a new CPFA/Artsplace banner for events was discussed.

### **8. SECRETARY'S REPORT – Donna Myjak**

- a. The secretary received three thank you cards: One from the 2012 recipient of the CPFA Scholarship, Lindsay Thompson; another from The Cheshire Art League for a donation to the organization this Spring; one from Norton Elementary School for a contribution to their evening of "A Night to Remember"; cards from the Wnuk family for condolence cards and donations; a card from the Church of St. Francis of Assisi for a donation.
- b. The secretary reported on the uses of "Sunshine Fund": For a donation in memory of secretary Wnuk's father, and flowers for Chairwoman Lodynsky.
- c. It was determined that the Secretary will send a condolence card to Ms. June Webster, artist and Artsplace teacher.

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

- a. Four theatre classes begin on September 29<sup>th</sup> at Parks and Recreation: "Story Dance", "Beginner Musical Theatre" and "Musical Theatre Workshop" on Saturdays at the Youth Center, and "Acting for Musical Theatre" on Mondays at Highland School.

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

- a. The Theatre Sub-committee purchased sets and props for the Summer Musical.
- b. Postings have been made for the major production positions.
- c. Auditions for the Summer 2013 musical will be conducted differently this year, taking place during the first few meetings in the Spring.
- d. Registrations for the Summer Musical will take place at Parks and Recreation this year.

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





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- a. Ms. Pilarczyk reported that the Fall Semester began with 23 classes, taught by 12 teachers and attended by 155 students. These numbers were down from the 2012 year.
- b. The Kensett project is progressing. Ms. Donna Mark is approaching publishers for quotes for the children's booklet.
- c. Ms. Pilarczyk reported on the First Annual "Funky Art Walk", held on August 4, 2012 and organized by *The Funky Monkey* on Elm Street in Cheshire. Ms. Pilarczyk thanked the committee members, Ms. Burt, Ms. Karklel and Ms. Townes, for working the event. CPFA Artsplace had a booth with information and two teachers held demonstrations: Robin McCahill with felting, Tony Ruggiero with pen-and-ink. Members recommended better advertising for next year.
- d. Ms. Pilarczyk reported on the interdepartmental Town wide "Bagel Tag", when last month, Artsplace provided bagels for the Waste-water Treatment Plant, and mentioned the time that the Police Department provided bagels for Artsplace.

### **12. Friends of CPFA/Artsplace, Inc. – Ms. Pilarczyk for Elizabeth Cressy**

- a. There are still a few tickets left for the 2012 Author Night, which will take place at the Cheshire Parks and Recreation building, on Wednesday Night, October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **13. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 16, 2012 at Artsplace.

### **14. ADJOURNMENT**

*Ms. Townes made a motion to adjourn; Ms. Frazier seconded the Motion.  
Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 9:05 P.M.*

Respectfully submitted by  
Agnes Wnuk

