



CHESHIRE PERFORMING FINE ARTS COMMITTEE

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CHESHIRE PERFORMING AND FINE ARTS COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, October 16, 2012, 7:30 PM

Artsplace

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Committee Members Present: Nancy Burt, Nancy Bussmann, Ophelia Frazier, Joyce Karklel, Donna Lodynsky, Denise Lohr, Cheryl Pinkham, Jackie Townes

Others Present: Sandy Petela (Deputy Director of Cheshire Parks & Recreation)
Joan Pilarczyk (Artsplace Director),
Patti Flynn-Harris, (Cheshire Town Council Representative)

Absent: Donna Myjak, Maricele Riemann,
Donna Mark (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
 - a. Ms. Lodynsky read a committee resignation from Mr. Doug Levens. She thanked Mr. Levens for all of his hard work on the committee including the co-chairing of ArtsDay, as well as his work on the Fall Festival, Kensett Project and numerous other projects. She stated that he will be missed by all.
 - b. The Chairwoman thanked Mrs. Cressy, the Friends of CPFA and committee members for all of their help in regards to the "Author Night" held Wednesday, October 3, 2012.
 - c. Ms. Lodynsky welcomed Ms. Karlene Rearick who was observing the meeting as a potential new member.
 - d. Chairwoman Lodynsky recommended that the committee take part again in the "Pajama Program", where for each new pajama provided Scholastic books will contribute a children's book to needy children.
 - e. The Chairwoman thanked the Myjak Family for their kind donation of a Christmas Tree that will be used to collect items for the Cheshire Community through the Cheshire Human Services Department. Several ideas were proposed and are to be determined.
- 4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION** – There were no public communications.





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5. APPROVAL of September 11, 2012 Minutes

Ms. Bussmann made motion to accept minutes, seconded by Ms. Pinkham, motion passed.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT – Ophelia Frazier

- a. Ms. Frazier noted that the 2012/2013 budget is on target. She explained that 100% of the printing budget went to Parks & Rec for the Artsplace portion of the cost of combined winter program schedules to be mailed to all Cheshire residents in November.

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

8. SECRETARY'S REPORT – Ms. Lodynsky for Donna Myjak,

- a. The secretary received a card from Ms. Elizabeth Cressy, thanking the committee for the donation to the Cheshire Public Library of 10 books from the past Author Event authors in recognition of her 10 years of dedication to this yearly, well-loved event. Ms. Cressy announced her resignation of the role of president of Friend of CPFA/Artsplace, Inc. at the "Author Event", on Oct. 3, 2012, as she has moved her home from Connecticut.

9. THEATRE CLASSES – Sandy Petela

- a. Five theatre classes will be offered for the 2013 Winter semester. The "Acting for Musical Theatre" on Mondays at Highland School will conclude with a presentation for parents on November 17, 2012.

10. THEATRE SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT – Jackie Townes

- a. Theatre Sub-committee purchased feather boas for the CYT summer musical "Seussical".
- b. Postings have been made for the major production positions and staff interviews continue to take place.
- c. Ms. Pinkham reported on the progress in procuring a theatre intern. Posting will be sent to local colleges and universities and it is hoped that there will be an intern hired for the Spring semester.





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11. ARTSPLACE REPORT – Joan Pilarczyk

- a. Ms. Pilarczyk reported that the Fall Semester began with 20 classes and 3 workshops, taught by 12 teachers and attended by 164 students. These numbers were down from 2011.
- b. Work on the Kensett projects is progressing and includes the children's activity book, the teacher's resource guide and the multimedia presentation. She asked for assistance for particular aspects of the overall project and provided dates of meetings to be held in the next month.

12. Friends of CPFA/Artsplace, Inc. – Ms. Pilarczyk for Donna Mark

- a. Ms. Pilarczyk reported that Ms. Mark will report next month on the Author Event details. Ms. Mark is excited and honored to be named the president of Friends of CPFA/Artsplace, Inc. She has several ideas of potential authors for the 2013 Author Event.
- b. Ms. Pilarczyk read a card of thanks from the author Laura Harrington who was the guest speaker at the "Author Night" event this year.

13. OLD BUSINESS – No old business

14. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Ms. Lohr reported on the planning of the 25th annual Artsday celebration for 2013. A discussion on theme, size, sponsorships and potential contest ensued. One topic suggestion "CT Historical Art" was heavily discussed as a way to incorporate the Kensett project into this year's 25th annual ArtsDay. Ms. Pinkham volunteered to pursue possible sponsorships to cover extra costs pertaining to the growing size of this year's event. Ms. Flynn-Harris volunteered to contact the Lego Co. as a potential contest sponsor. Ms. Petela volunteered to research extra costs involving rental space. Following this research a decision will be made by Ms. Lohr as regards ArtsDay.
- b. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 13, 2012 at Artsplace at 7:30PM.

15. ADJOURNMENT

*Ms. Bussmann made a motion to adjourn; Ms. Burt seconded the Motion.
Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.*

Respectfully submitted by
Agnes Wnuk

