



CHESHIRE PERFORMING FINE ARTS COMMITTEE

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CHESHIRE PERFORMING AND FINE ARTS COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, November 13, 2012, 7:30 PM

Artsplace

1220 Waterbury Road

Cheshire, CT 06410

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

Others Present: Donna Mark (Friends of CPFA/Artsplace, Inc.)
Sandy Petela (Deputy Director of Cheshire Parks & Recreation)
Joan Pilarczyk (Artsplace Director),

Absent: 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

Ms. Lodynsky called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

3.WELCOME REMARKS - Donna Lodynsky, Chairperson

4.PUBLIC COMMUNICATION – Donna Lodynsky, Chairperson

- a. Ms. Lodynsky reminded members of the holiday tree that was generously donated by the Myjak family. Ms. Townes brought glass ornaments that members were to decorate for the tree. A press release will be sent to the Cheshire Herald and the Cheshire Patch to alert residents to bring *children's arts supplies* to Artsplace and place them in the designated area by the tree. The *art supplies* will then be donated to The Town Cheshire Human Services Department to be distributed to Cheshire youth.

5.APPROVAL of October 16, 2012 Minutes

Ms. Townes made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Ms. Pinkham.





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6. TREASURER'S REPORT – Ophelia Frazier

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

Motion was made by Ms. Townes to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Ms. Burt. The Motion Passed.

7. SECRETARY'S REPORT – Donna Myjak

- a. Secretary Myjak sent a condolence card to instructor June Webster, whose mother passed away recently. The secretary updated the birthday list for the new fiscal year.

8. THEATRE CLASSES – Sandy Petela

- a. The last class for the Fall semester will take place this Saturday, November 16th. The new Winter brochure is ready and the semester will start January 19th, 2013.

9. THEATRE SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT – Jackie Townes

- a. The Theatre Sub-committee continues with interviews for major positions for the play, however, the costumer has been secured.

10. ARTSPLACE REPORT – Joan Pilarczyk

- a. Ms. Pilarczyk reported that the Fall Semester will be winding down with some holiday workshops in December.
- b. The Kensett project is progressing, with much work on the activity book. Ms. Burns, the town curriculum coordinator is presently reviewing the text. Ms. Pilarczyk thanked the CPFA Friends for providing funding to secure rights from museums for images for the Power Point presentation part of the project.
- c. Ms. Pilarczyk announced that a "tree" would be planted next to a memorial bench in the front garden at Artsplace, in memory of Gene Caraballo, long time *Cheshire Parks and Recreation* employee and Artsplace building supervisor and dear friend to all Artsplace staff and teachers, who passed away on November 6, 2012.
- d. Ms. Pilarczyk mentioned that the *Cheshire Public Library* will be conducting a special program for town residents wherein when a resident shows his Cheshire Library Card the participating local businesses will provide discounts on products. Ms. Pilarczyk suggested that the committee consider taking part in the program in some way.

Ms. Burt made a motion that Artsplace participate in the "Show your Card" program sponsored by the Cheshire Library. The program will take place during the month of December. Artsplace will donate the chance to win a gift certificate for a class. Other





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Cheshire businesses will give discounts when a Cheshire Library card is shown. Ms. Karklel seconded the Motion.

11. Friends of CPFA/Artsplace, Inc. – Donna Mark

- a. Ms. Mark commented on the excellence of the talk given by writer Laura Harrington, the honored guest for the 2012 Author Night, which took place at the Cheshire Parks and Recreation building, on Wednesday, October 3rd. She likewise announced that Ms. Harrington's book "Alice Bliss" was chosen for the 2013 CROBAT program: Cheshire Reads One Book One Town.

12. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Ms. Pinkham noted that 10 colleges in Connecticut will be contacted for the possibility of a student intern for the Theatre Subcommittee and Artsplace.

13. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Ms. Lohr announced that the 25th Annual Artsday will be held at the Cheshire Academy on Sunday March 10, 2013. Artists will conduct art programs utilizing methods used in the 19th Century in Connecticut to complement the John Kensett Project. Among the special highlights, this year's event will include puppetry and period music by local groups.
- b. The next meeting is scheduled for 6:00PM on Tuesday, December 4, 2012 at Artsplace.

14. ADJOURNMENT

*Ms. Burt made a motion to adjourn; Ms. Bussmann seconded the Motion.
Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.*

Respectfully submitted by
Agnes Wnuk

