



CHESHIRE PERFORMING FINE ARTS COMMITTEE

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CHESHIRE PERFORMING AND FINE ARTS COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, March 19, 2013, 7:30 PM

Artsplace

1220 Waterbury Road

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

Others Present:

Hilary Rutberg (Friends)
Sandy Petela (Deputy Director of Cheshire Parks & Recreation)
Joan Pilarczyk (Artsplace Director)
Heather Kiesling (guest)

Absent: Donna Myjak (Board member)
Joyce Karklel (Board member)
Donna Mark (Friends of CPFA/Artsplace, Inc. President)

1.DETERMINATION OF QUORUM - A quorum was present for this meeting.

2.CALL TO ORDER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Chairwoman Lodynsky called meeting to order at 7:30 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. WELCOME REMARKS - Donna Lodynsky, Chairperson

Donna thanked everyone for their help at ARTSDAY on Sunday, March 10.

4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION – There were no public communications.

5. APPROVAL of Minutes

Ms. Lohr made motion to accept Feb. 26, 2012 minutes, seconded by Ms. Bussmann, motion passed.

6. TREASURER’S REPORT – Ophelia Frazier

a. Ms. Frazier presented the year-to-date budget report to all committee members. It was noted that that 100% of the building maintenance budget has been used.





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- b. Chairman Lodynsky revealed the amount of contributions collected at ARTSDAY in the Scholarship donation jar at the door to be \$504.43.

Ms. Lohr moved to take the \$504.43 collected to be put into the CPFA Gift Account on the Scholarship line. Motion was seconded by Ms. Bussmann. Motion passed.

Ms. Pilarczyk will request inclusion on the next Town Council agenda to approve this donation.

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

7. SECRETARY'S REPORT – Donna Myjak

- a. No report

8. THEATRE CLASSES – Sandy Petela

- a. Intro to Acting class held at Artsplace will now end on Tuesday, April 2, due to several make-up classes. Beginner Musical Theater, held at the Youth Center, will end this Saturday.
- b. No spring classes were offered because of Seussical auditions and scheduled practices, but, Seussical has had a low enrollment, despite the April 1st deadline. Without a minimum of sixty enrolled, the show will be cancelled. Discussion followed as to possible reasons for low enrollment. Joan thanked the theatre subcommittee and especially Deputy Director Sandy Petela, for their tireless work and organization of CYT programs and Seussical.
- c. A CYT Summer camp is scheduled at ARTSPLACE the weeks of August 5-16th and currently has nine students enrolled. A maximum of 25 will be accepted.
- d. Ms. Pinkham reported on the theatre intern search. This request has been posted at several local colleges. The CPFA Committee would like someone to electronically catalog the set shop contents, including costumes. Ms. Pinkham will repost the request.

10. ARTSPLACE REPORT – Joan Pilarczyk

- a. It was noted that 100 students have registered for Spring Semester, which begins April 8th.
- b. A Fine Arts budget request was \$170,699. The Town Manager recommended \$169,999. Ms. Pilarczyk's attendance was not required the March 13th Town Council budget meeting.
- c. Ms. Pilarczyk updated the committee on the Kensett project and circulated a finished copy of the children's activity book. The printing of the 2,000 copies is expected to take two weeks. A copy of the Teacher's Resource Guide was also shared. The guide will be provided to each Cheshire Public School third grade teacher to assist with questions or background information needed about Cheshire in the 1820's. Ms. Pilarczyk thanked all those who took part in making this project and the Friends of CPFA/Artsplace for funding the PowerPoint presentation, the final piece of the Kensett project to be completed by Ellen St. Pierre. This 20 minute presentation of John Frederick Kensett's life which includes images of his artwork





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will be offered to civic and community groups this Fall. Ms. Pilarczyk discussed the “launch” debut of the Kensett project to be held on some April Sunday afternoon. Kensett project participants would be invited to attend and would receive a copy of the activity book, meet the models for the illustrations and view the PowerPoint presentation. Ms. Pinkham suggested Lane Construction as a location for the event.

- d. Apex manager Anthony Verrill will be visiting Artsplace on March 26 to discuss facility needs and technologies updates. Ms. Pilarczyk pointed out that the data base is several versions old, as are programs such as Adobe InDesign used to produce the schedule.
- e. Ms. Pilarczyk announced the hiring of a new building supervisor, Mr. Fred LaVigna.

11. Friends of CPFA/Artsplace, Inc.

- a. No report.

12. OLD BUSINESS –

a. 25TH ANNUAL ARTSDAY/March 10, 2013 – Denise Lohr

ARTSDAY was extremely successful this year and attracted 678 children and parents. Ms. Lohr thanked volunteers and committee members. She thanked Ms. Pinkham for acquiring sponsors and donations, and especially to Darter Specialties for supplying banners, which can be used yearly. Discussion followed concerning variety of artists and specifically Jennifer Montalto, the successful fly fishing lure booth, the wool spinner and the music provided by the Bennett family. Ms. Pilarczyk thanked Ms. Lohr for her work on this very successful event and suggested hiring a cleaning service next year. Members of the CPFA committee were invited to help write a timeline of ARTSDAY tasks to compile an easy-to-follow guide on all steps required to run this event.

Ms. Townes moved to deposit the \$700 raised by Ms. Pinkham for the event into the Friends of CPFA/Artsplace escrow account. Seconded by Ms. Pinkham. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Townes moved to reimburse Jennifer Montalto, \$100 from that escrow account to reimburse her for ARTSDAY supplies and seconded by Ms. Pinkham. Motion passed.

The committee thanked Elizabeth Augustine for the new format of the program distributed on ARTSDAY. All 17 artists were mailed a thank you letter along with a questionnaire soliciting their comments about this year’s event. An ARTSDAY wrap-up meeting will be held on March 26th at 7:00pm.

b. CPFA Scholarship

Ms. Lodynsky announced the members of the Scholarship Committee: Ms. Nancy Bussmann, Ms. Ophelia Frazier and Ms. Donna Myjak. Discussion ensued of the possibility of awarding two scholarships if potential applicants are qualified, with the first place award at \$500 and second place award at \$250. The Scholarship Committee will make recommendations after





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review of the applicants.

- c. Ms. Pilarczyk brought up the Pina Genti Jaroslow scholarship and elicited advice for the promotion of this children's scholarship. The prize is a choice of a Parks & Recreation camp or a gift certificate of \$150 towards an Artsplace program.

13. NEW BUSINESS

1. Annual Arts Award

Ms. Pinkham moved to award the Annual Arts Award to a person to be announced later, seconded by Ms. Townes. Motion passes unanimously.

2. Dog Park Request – Sunday, June 2

Ms. Pilarczyk and Ms. Lodynsky were approached by a representative of the proposed Cheshire Dog Park to choose a date to hold an event in the Artsplace parking lot. The event will publicize the Dog Park and may include a small dog show, vendors, a dunk tank, etc.. Artsplace was invited to participate with a special table with children's art activities featuring dogs. The requested day will need to be delayed until the Seussical deadline of April 1 occurs. Ms. Pilarczyk offered the Dog Park alternative June Saturdays, but the Dog Park Committee would prefer the earlier Sunday if possible.

3. Nominating Committee

Ms. Townes moved to add to our agenda the nomination of officers for election next month. Motion seconded by Ms. Lohr and passed unanimously.

Ms. Lodynsky appointed Ms. Burt to nominating committee and the following names were submitted for consideration: Ms. Donna Lodynsky; Chairman, Ms. Jackie Townes; Vice-Chair, Ms. Ophelia Frazier; Treasurer, Ms. Donna Myjak; Corresponding Secretary.

4. Ms. Townes noted that in rereading the bylaws that the committee is to have three standing committees and discussion ensued as to logistics for accomplishing this task. A further report and action will take place at the next committee meeting.

5. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 23, 2013 at Artsplace at 7:30PM.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Burt made a motion to adjourn; Ms. Bussmann seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by
Agnes Wnuk

