



CHESHIRE PERFORMING FINE ARTS COMMITTEE

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CHESHIRE PERFORMING AND FINE ARTS COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, July 17, 2013, 7:30 PM

Artsplace

1220 Waterbury Road

Cheshire, CT 06410

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

Others Present: Ramona Burkey (Director, Cheshire Public Library)
Patti Flynn-Harris (Representative, Cheshire Town Council)
Donna Mark (President, Friends of CPFA/Artsplace, Inc.)
Sandy Petela (Deputy Director, Cheshire Parks & Recreation)
Joan Pilarczyk (Director, Artsplace)
Ms. Heather Kiesling

Absent: Donna Myjak

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 7:37 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. WELCOME REMARKS - Donna Lodynsky, Chairperson.

Ms. Lodynsky welcomed Ms. Burkey to her first CPFA meeting. She also thanked Nikki Mecca for painting many of the signs around Cheshire advertising the 2013 Cheshire Youth Theatre play *Seussical* and Ms. Petela for all of her hard work on the project.

4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION – Mr. Gary LeClare, from (RE) New Furniture, located at 534 West Main Street in Cheshire, provided 15 chairs made from recycled pallets, to be painted by Artsplace teachers and auctioned in a Silent Auction on September 15, 2013 (rain date being September 22, 2013). The proceeds will benefit the Artsplace Art Heals Program . The chairs will be displayed at the Cheshire Fall Festival. The chairs will be painted as art work backdrops on Sunday, July 21, 2013, Mr. LeClare will photograph and document the procedure.

Upcoming is a planned, weekly, Sunday, open-air *Cheshire Village Creative Arts Marketplace*, which will be held on the parking lot of 534 West Main Street in Cheshire to showcase locally made hand-goods.





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5. APPROVAL of June 11, 2013 Minutes

Ms. Bussmann made motion to accept June minutes, seconded by Ms. Pinkham. Ms. Burt abstained, the motion passed.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT – Ophelia Frazier

- a. Ms. Frazier noted that 99.4% of the FY 2013 budget had been used. The 2014 FY budget was raised by \$5000, a 3% increase, mainly in line items of salary adjustments, printing and program materials.

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

7. SECRETARY'S REPORT – Donna Lodynsky for Donna Myjak

- a. A "thank you card" was received by the committee from Ms. Patti Flynn-Harris, for the donation to the Cheshire Public Library provided by the Committee in memory of her sister.
- b. Ms. Lodynski noted that a thank you letter was received from the Friends of the Cheshire Public Library thanking the CPFA members for their donation of \$50 in memory of Eileen Flynn.

8. THEATRE CLASSES – Sandy Petela

- a. Seussical is scheduled for 7:30PM on July 25, 26, 27 and at 2PM on Sunday July 28 2013.
- b. Ms. Townes praised the signs, and a discussion of their placement followed.
- c. Ms. Petela reported disappointing ticket sales, reported on the signs for the play and that CPFA volunteers have been on hand at rehearsals. Rehearsals will be held at the Cheshire High School this week.
- d. Musical Theatre Camp will run August 5 through the 15 at Artsplace this summer.

9. THEATRE SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT – Donna Lodynsky

- a. Ms. Lodynsky presented the play volunteer schedule and asked for assistance from older student participants.
- b. She likewise presented this years "Star-grams" that will be available before the performance for family and friends to send to student actors, at a cost of \$5.00.

Motion was made by Jackie Townes to take \$400 from the CPFA Escrow Account for the Concession costs to be replaced after the show. The motion was seconded by Ms Bussmann. The motion passed.





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10. ARTSPLACE REPORT – Joan Pilarczyk

- a. Ms Pilarczyk introduced Ms. Ramona Burkey, director of the Cheshire Public Library. Artsplace will no longer be under the auspices of Cheshire Parks and Recreation but rather under the Cheshire Public Library. Ms. Pilarczyk thanked Parks and Recreation for so many years of co-operation and welcomed the new relationship with the library and provided Ms. Burkey with the CPFA Committee By-laws.
- b. Ms. Pilarczyk reported that 99.4% of the 2013 budget for Artsplace had been used. The 2014 FY budget is set at \$169,668, an increase of \$5000.
- c. Co-Winners of the 2013 *Pina Gentry Jaroslow Memorial Scholarship* are Kelsea Mann and Nicolas Valente. Seven applications had been received and reviewed.
- d. The artwork of Artsplace teachers will be exhibited during August 2013 at the Cheshire Public Library.
- e. The 2013 Summer Session has 180 students to date, an increase of 20 students over last year's enrollment.
- f. The chair painting CHAIRity Project will be held at Artsplace on Sunday July 21, 2013. The proceeds from the sale of the chairs at the September 15, 2013 Silent Auction (rain date September 22) are intended for the Arts Heals Program sponsored by Friends of CPFA/Artsplace.
- g. Ms. Pilarczyk recommended a review and update of the Bylaws which have not been amended since 2002 . Ms. Patti Flynn-Harris recommended a committee be formed for the purpose.
- h. The computer/technology upgrade is going well with the virtual computer up and running and the Cloud PO submitted. Staff plans to research database upgrades for a less cumbersome one than is currently in use.
- i. Letters have been sent to local Cheshire groups for possible presentation of the Kensett PowerPoint.
- j. College interns this summer include Becky Rice, from Quinnipiac University and Nikki Mecca, from Sacred Heart University.
- k. Ms. Pilarczyk respectfully requested a space on the cover of the next Cheshire Parks and Recreation brochure to let the public know how to access the Artsplace Fall class schedule.
- l. Committee members were asked to save gift items to donate for baskets for the upcoming Author Event.
- m. Discussion followed about the painting of the Artsplace Cheshire Cat form, which was purchased several years ago in the hopes of inspiring groups in town to sponsor an art exhibit similar to the "Cow Parade" program in NYC and other towns. Support for the large program was not reached and the project has been tabled temporarily. Committee members have been anxious, non-the-less, to have the cat painted and will use it to attract attention at Artsplace events. A potential artist was agreed upon and who will be approached to complete this task as soon as possible.





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A Motion was made by Denise Lohr to hire an artist to paint the Cheshire Cat form for \$500, which includes the cost of materials with amount split equally between Escrow Account and Friends of CPFA/Artsplace. Motion was seconded by Nancy Burt. Motion passed.

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

- a. The 11th Annual Author Event will be held at the Cheshire Parks and Recreation building on October 2, 2013.
- b. The author will be Carol Wallace, whose latest book is titled *Leaving Van Gogh*. Her book co-authored with Gail MacColl, *To Marry an English Lord*, was the basis of the PBS series *Downton Abbey*.
- c. Ticket sales begin for members Wednesday, August 14, 2013. Member ticket price is \$35 and non-member is \$45. Non-member tickets will be available August 15, 2013.
- d. Art Heals will be the recipient of the CHAIRity Project run by RE[new] Furniture. Friends of CPFA/Artsplace will host a lunch for the fifteen artists painting the chairs on Sunday, July 22, 2013.

12. OLD BUSINESS – None.

13. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Ms. Lodynsky appointed Ms. Townes as chairperson of the Bi-laws Committee, with Nancy Bussmann and Ms. Frazier as members of the committee. Ms. Pilarczyk and Ms. Lodynsky will also participate.
- b. Ms. Lodynsky read a letter of resignation from CPFA committee member Cheryl Pinkham, who is moving to North Carolina and thus no longer be able to participate. She was presented with a gift and thanked for all of her innovations and hard work in the past year with Artsplace projects.

Motion was made by Ms. Bussmann to cancel the August meeting due to a lack of projected quorum. Seconded by Ms. Lohr, the motion passed.

- c. A reminder, Artsplace will be closed on Tuesday, November 5, 2013 for Election Day.
- d. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 17, 2013 at Artsplace at 7:30PM.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Townes made a motion to adjourn; Ms. Pinkham seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 9:04 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by
Donna Mark and Agnes Wnuk





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