



CHESHIRE PERFORMING FINE ARTS COMMITTEE

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CHESHIRE PERFORMING AND FINE ARTS COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, September 17, 2013, 7:30 PM

Artsplace

1220 Waterbury Road

Cheshire, CT 06410

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

Others Present: Ramona Burkey (Director, Cheshire Public Library)
Sandy Petela (Deputy Director, Cheshire Parks & Recreation)
Joan Pilarczyk (Director, Artsplace)

Absent: Patti Flynn-Harris (Representative, Cheshire Town Council)
Heather Kiesling
Donna Mark (President, Friends of CPFA/Artsplace, Inc.)
Maricele Riemann

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 7:35 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. WELCOME REMARKS - Donna Lodynsky, Chairperson.

Ms. Lodynsky welcomed Ms. Courtney Cullinan and Ms. Ann Marie Hearn to their first CPFA meeting as prospective committee members. Ms. Lodynsky read out loud a letter of resignation from Ms. Nancy Burt.

4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION – Gary LeClare, from (RE) New Furniture, provided 15 chairs made from recycled pallets, that Artsplace teachers painted. The chairs were available for public viewing in local businesses and at theCheshire Fall Festival. They were auctioned in a Silent Auction on September 15, 2013. The proceeds benefit the Artsplace Art Heals Program.

On September 29, 2013 an open-air Marketplace, will be held on the parking lot of 534 West Main Street in Cheshire to showcase locally made art, hand-goods and local farm produce.





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5. APPROVAL of July 17, 2013 Minutes

Amendments to July Minutes are as follows:

- a. 7b) Ms. Lodynski should be spelled “Lodynsky”.
- b. 8c) should read: “disappointing advanced ticket sales”.
- c. 8d) should read “Musical Theatre Camp will run August 5 through the 16th”.
- d. 10j) should read “Sacred Heart High School”, not Sacred Heart University.

Ms. Townes made motion to accept July minutes, seconded by Ms. Lohr the motion passed.

6. TREASURER’S REPORT – Ophelia Frazier

- a. Ms. Frazier noted that the FY 2013 budget is on track.

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

7. SECRETARY’S REPORT – Donna Myjak

- a. Thank you cards were received by the committee from Cheryl Pinkham, Nikki Mecca and Agnes Wnuk.
- b. Ms. Myjak presented the committee with photo albums consisting of pictures commemorating the May 2013 Kensett Project Launch and the March 2013 Artsday Event.

8. THEATRE CLASSES – Sandy Petela

- a. Seussical had four performances on July 25, 26, 27 and 28, 2013.
- b. There were 426 advance ticket sales and 512 at the door ticket sales.
- c. Ms. Petela reported that 28 children took part in the Summer Musical Theatre Camp between August 5 through the 16 at Artsplace this summer. They had performances on the last day for parents.
- d. Fall and winter classes are being offered for Musical Theatre again this year. Seven Fall classes start on October 5, 2013.





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9. THEATRE SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT – Jackie Townes

- a. Ms. Townes reported that the concession stand was profitable at the 2013 Summer Musical.

Motion was made by Jackie Townes to return \$400 to the CPFA Escrow Account used for the Concession costs at the 2013 Summer Musical. The motion was seconded by Ms Bussmann. The motion passed.

Ms. Townes Made a motion to table the appropriation of surplus funds from the concession stand to the next meeting. No one seconded the motion and the motion died.

- b. Discussion followed of possible uses of concession surplus.

Motion was made by Ms. Frazier to to put \$627.00 of concession money into the scholarship fund. Ms. Myjak seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Ms. Myjak made a motion to raise the amounts of the CPFA Committee Scholarship in Memory of Richard W. Conrad, for the 2013/2014 season. Seconded by Ms. Bussmann, the motion passed.

10. ARTSPLACE REPORT – Joan Pilarczyk

- a. Ms Pilarczyk reported that credit card machines will be coming to Artsplace, maybe this winter.
- b. Ms. Pilarczyk reported that Fall semester classes began on September 16, with an increase of students over last year's enrollment.
- c. The Cloud is being used on Artsplace computers and the website being updated.
- d. The Kensett video was presented to the Cheshire Rotary club on September 12, 2013.
- d. The CHAIRity Project had a net proceed of \$1,432.00 going towards Art Heals.

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

- a. The annual Author Night will be held at the Parks and Recreation Center at 6:00 on Wednesday October 2, 2013 as scheduled, with author Carol Wallace as guest speaker.

12. OLD BUSINESS – None.





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13. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Mr. Ron Gagliardi wanted the committee to be aware of the Municipal Art Program that could be instituted in Cheshire. Information about the program was handed out by Ms. Lodynsky and explained to members.
- b. Ms. Townes noted that a donation of clothing for the theatre was provided towards costumes.
- c. Ms. Petela reported that the trailers holding props and costumes on Waterbury Road will be removed and new storage will be available.
- c. A reminder, Artsplace will be closed on Tuesday, November 5, 2013 for Election Day.
- d. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 15, 2013 at Artsplace at 7:30PM.

14. ADJOURNMENT

*Ms. Bussmann made a motion to adjourn; Ms. Townes seconded the Motion.
Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.*

Respectfully submitted by
Agnes Wnuk

