



## CHESHIRE PERFORMING FINE ARTS COMMITTEE

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### CHESHIRE PERFORMING AND FINE ARTS COMMITTEE MEETING

**Tuesday, December 03, 2013, 6:00 PM**

**Artsplace**

**1220 Waterbury Road**

**Cheshire, CT 06410**

**Committee Members Present:** Nancy Bussmann, Courtney Cullinan, Ophelia Frazier, Heather Kiesling, Donna Lodynsky, Denise Lohr, Donna Myjak, Maricele Riemann, Jackie Townes

**Others Present:** Ramona Burkey (Director, Cheshire Public Library)  
Ann Hearn, guest  
Joan Pilarczyk (Director, Artsplace)

**Absent:** Patti Flynn-Harris (Representative, Cheshire Town Council)  
Joyce Karklel  
Donna Mark (President, Friends of CPFA/Artsplace, Inc.)  
Hilary Rutberg (Membership Chair, 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 meeting to order at 6:10 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. WELCOME REMARKS** - Donna Lodynsky, Chairperson.

Ms. Lodynsky welcomed committee members to the monthly meeting.

**4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION** – No Public Communications.

**5. APPROVAL of November 19, 2013 Minutes**

*Ms. Bussmann made a motion to accept the November minutes, Ms. Townes seconded, and the motion passed.*

**6. TREASURER'S REPORT – Ophelia Frazier**

a. Ms. Frazier noted that the FY 2013 budget continues to be on track.

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





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### **7. SECRETARY'S REPORT – Donna Myjak**

- a. No report presented.

### **8. THEATRE CLASSES**

- a. No Report at this time.

### **9. THEATRE SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT – Jackie Townes and Donna Lodynsky**

- a. The November 21, 2013 meeting with Mr. Bob Ceccolini was postponed until Thursday, December 5, 2013, at 6:00PM, at Artsplace.

### **10. ARTSDAY REPORT – Joyce Karklel and Maricele Riemann**

- a. Ms. Riemann reported that she will be contacting the various Town PTA's and the Cheshire Superintendent of Schools to discuss the possibility of an "Artsday Trail" to be done by Cheshire students in conjunction with the annual Artsday in March using Instagram.

### **11. ARTSPLACE REPORT – Joan Pilarczyk**

- a. Ms. Pilarczyk reported that she was unable to fulfill the dog park committee request to use the entire Artsplace parking lot on their proposed date of May 3, 2014 for the Annual Canine Carnival from 12-4pm, due to scheduled classes. She had offered Saturday, April 12, two Saturdays in mid-June or any Sunday, but unfortunately is unable to cancel Spring Saturday classes and have the session end on time. Another option was to share the parking lot on that day, reserving spots needed for students and teachers, however the dog park committee felt the entire lot was needed for their event. Ms. Pilarczyk hopes they will reconsider the Sunday option as it has proven a desirable time to hold events for families by other community groups and as evidenced by attendance at ARTSDAY.
- b. Security measures continue to be developed in the Artsplace building.
- c. Artsplace will offer teachers, staff and committee members a two hour CPR/AED class and a two hour First Aide class. Forms were distributed to CPFA members and teachers and the results will determine dates and times of these classes as well as possible participation by other town employees. Ms. Pilarczyk will contact Lou Zullo to discuss the proposal.
- d. The "Pajama/Book" program will wind down the second week of December.
- e. The Art Supply Gift drive for Cheshire Social Services will run until December 13, 2013.
- f. The Cheshire Food Bank Collection will continue at Artsplace and the donations will be delivered later this month to the Food Bank by Ms. Lodynsky and Ms. Pilarczyk.

### **12. Friends of CPFA/Artsplace, Inc. – Donna Mark**

- a. No Report at this time.

### **13. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. No old business.





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### 14. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion ensued concerning the annual “Cheshire Performing & Fine Arts Committee Scholarship in Memory of Richard W. Conrad”. A description of scholarship requirements must be updated and delivered to the Cheshire High School by January 6, 2014. The committee added three possible majors that would be accepted from applicants. These included Film studies, graphic design and fashion design. It was also determined that any graduating high school student who was a Cheshire resident could apply for the scholarship, regardless of in which town he/she was studying. The exact wording is as follows:

*“The Scholarship Subcommittee exists to provide a Cheshire resident in their senior year of high school, with the annual Richard W. Conrad Memorial CPFA Scholarship of \$750, with potential of second scholarship in amount of \$250 providing suitable applicant and fund availability. Student must show intention to pursue a degree in a higher education facility in a performing or fine arts field (examples: acting, architecture, art or music education, art history, art therapy, ceramics, costuming, dance, fashion design, film, graphic arts, graphic design, instrumental performance, jewelry design, lighting, makeup, puppetry, recording engineer, sound, set design, singing, stained glass, studio art, etc.) Committee yearly reviews and updates application form (prior to first week of January) for advertisement in the Cheshire High School Scholarship book, review completed applications (April) and present a qualified applicant/s to the entire committee for approval at the March monthly meeting. Director arranges check through Finance Department after review of satisfactory grades following completed first semester of higher education, usually December.”*

*Ms. Townes made a motion to accept the scholarship description as amended. Ms. Myjak seconded the motion. The motion passed.*

- b. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 21, 2014 at Artsplace at 7:30PM.

### 15. ADJOURNMENT

*Ms. Reimann made a motion to adjourn; Ms. Lohr seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:36 P.M.*

Respectfully submitted by

Agnes Wnuk

