



CHESHIRE PERFORMING FINE ARTS COMMITTEE

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CHESHIRE PERFORMING AND FINE ARTS COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, January 28, 2013, 7:30 PM

Artsplace

1220 Waterbury Road

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Committee Members Present: Nancy Bussmann, Ophelia Frazier, Ann Hearn,
Joyce Karklel, Heather Kiesling, Donna Lodynsky, Donna Myjak,
Maricele Riemann

Others Present: Donna Mark (President, Friends of CPFA/Artsplace, Inc.)
Joan Pilarczyk (Director, Artsplace)

Absent: Ramona Burkey (Director, Cheshire Public Library)
Courtney Cullinan, committee member
Patti Flynn-Harris (Representative, Cheshire Town Council)
Denise Lohr, committee member
Hilary Rutberg (Membership Chair, Friends of CPFA/Artsplace, Inc.)
Jackie Townes, committee member

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 7:47 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 December 03, 2013 Minutes

Correction Note: under #15. The name “Riemann” was spelled incorrectly as “Reimann”.

Ms. Kiesling made a motion to accept the December minutes with the correction, Ms. Myjak seconded, and the motion passed.

6. TREASURER’S REPORT – Ophelia Frazier

a. Ms. Frazier noted that the budget continues to be on target for the year.

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





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7. SECRETARY'S REPORT – Donna Myjak

- a. No report presented.

8. THEATRE CLASSES – Donna Lodynsky

- a. Ms. Christie Chambrelli, from the Cheshire Youth Theatre, recommended that a new inner curtain be purchased for the Artsplace stage.

Motion was made by Joyce Karklel and seconded by Nancy Bussmann

I move for the purchase of a back curtain and traveler for the Artsplace stage, not to exceed thirteen hundred dollars to be allocated from the theater line in the gift account.

- b. Ms. Lodynsky reported that there will be a Theatre Youth Camp, held at Artsplace this summer from August 4th to August 15th. Performances will be held on August 15th at 6:00PM and on Saturday August 16th at 2:00PM. The play scheduled will be *Mulan Junior*. Staff and camp counselors are currently being recruited.

9. THEATRE SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT – Donna Lodynsky

- a. The January 2014 meeting was cancelled but will be rescheduled.

10. ARTSDAY REPORT – Joyce Karklel, Maricele Riemann, Heather Kiesling

- a. Ms. Riemann reported that she discussed with Dr. Florio the possibility of an “Artsday Trail” to be done by Cheshire public school students from grades 6 to 8, in conjunction with the annual Artsday in March using Instagram. Some of this work might be done during art class time in school. Presentations of the completed work will be showcased during school Town Hall meetings.
- b. Ms. Karklel reported that fifteen artists have been secured for Artsday including a percussionist. The group is meeting to coordinate the projects under the theme of Recycling Art.
- c. Ms. Kiesling will be the volunteer coordinator and will be contacting various town groups for prospective volunteers.
- d. Ms. Pilarczyk asked that biographic sketches be collected from the artists so that they may be incorporated in the program for this year’s Artsday. She also mentioned that she will be asking for permission to use the Town Hall parking for the Artsday parking this year. She will also ask for Public works personnel to help in setting up tables for the event.

11. ARTSPLACE REPORT – Joan Pilarczyk

- a. Ms. Pilarczyk related the sad news of the passing of an Artsplace teacher, Sean Speliades, who taught Anime to middle and high school students. Instead of the regularly scheduled class the students were invited to an Anime club with guest artists, and moderated by Robin McCahill. A sculpture of Sean’s work is being considered, mayhap by Mark Leary.
- b. Ms. Pilarczyk reported that a new database system will be implemented this winter to





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facilitate class registration, to be the same as other Town systems and to allow the use of credit cards in paying for classes.

- c. Winter session currently has 200 students in 24 classes, as compared to 226 students in 29 classes at the same time last year.
- d. Artsplace will offer veterans a Pen & Ink class run by artist Tony Ruggiero this Fall. The four drawing classes will be free to veterans (no previous drawing experience necessary).
- e. A new panic button is now available for teachers on the second level.
- f. The Art show to be held in February at the Cheshire Public Library will be hung between 2:00 and 4:00PM on Saturday, February 1, 2014. The Opening will be held on Wednesday February, 5 from 6:00 to 7:00PM in the Mary Baldwin Community Room. Fifty paintings from Artsplace students from children to adults will be featured.
- g. Artsplace will be taking part in the Job Shadow Program. Two visitors will be attending on Tuesday February 4 from 9:30am to 1:30pm to see the business side of art activities.
- h. Fifteen staff and committee members took part in a CPR/AED class on January 2, 2014.
- i. Richard Chevrolet of Cheshire is holding an art contest for children and adults where the chevy symbol must be included in the artwork. Artsplace teacher and artist June Webster will be one of the judges. Information flyer is available at Artsplace.

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

- a. Ms. Mark noted that the Friends are preparing for the 2014 Author event to be held in October of this year.

13. OLD BUSINESS

- a. No old business.

14. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion ensued concerning the annual “Cheshire Performing & Fine Arts Committee Scholarship in Memory of Richard W. Conrad”. At question was whether to continue requiring three letters of recommendation as part of the application process.

Ms. Myjak made a motion:

I move that we change the wording on our Scholarship that recommendations are optional, maximum three. Ms. Karklel seconded the motion. The motion passed.

- b. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 11, 2014 at Artsplace at 7:30PM.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Karklel 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

