



CHESHIRE PERFORMING FINE ARTS COMMITTEE

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CHESHIRE PERFORMING AND FINE ARTS COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, February 11, 2013, 7:30 PM

Artsplace

1220 Waterbury Road

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

Others Present: Ann Hearn, prospective committee member
Donna Mark (President, Friends of CPFA/Artsplace, Inc.)

Absent: Ramona Burkey (Director, Cheshire Public Library)
Courtney Cullinan, committee member
Patti Flynn-Harris (Representative, Cheshire Town Council)
Joan Pilarczyk (Director, Artsplace)
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 7:30 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. WELCOME REMARKS - Donna Lodynsky, Chairperson.

Ms. Lodynsky welcomed committee members to the monthly meeting and a guest, Mr. Jeffrey Kurz, Features and General Assignment Editor from the "Meriden Record Journal".

4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION – No Public Communications.

5. APPROVAL of January 28, 2014 Minutes

Correction Note:

- under #8.a. The name "Christie" should be spelled "Kristy".
- under #10.b The word "Recycling" was spelled "recylcing".
- under #11.a The word "one" was spelled "on e".

Ms. Lohr made a motion to accept the January minutes with corrections, Ms. Kiesling seconded, and the motion passed with one abstention.





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6. TREASURER'S REPORT – Ophelia Frazier

- a. Ms. Frazier noted that the budget continues to be on target at 60% for the year.

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

7. SECRETARY'S REPORT – Donna Myjak

- a. Ms. Myjak reported that the Committee received a thank you letter from the Cheshire Community Food Pantry, Inc. for the donation of \$175.00.
- b. There was a letter of thanks from the Pajama Program, Connecticut Chapter for the Committee's continued support, and donation of 29 books and 32 pairs of pajamas.
- c. There was a thank you note from student Amanda Nowak, who took part in the Cheshire High School Job Shadow Program at Artsplace this year, thanking Ms. Pilarczyk for the chance to see how an art school is run.
- d. There was a thank you card from Ms. Bussmann who recently resigned from the Committee, for the gift she received.
- e. Secretary Myjak reminded members that it was time to replenish the "Sunshine Fund".

8. THEATRE CLASSES – Donna Lodynsky

- a. No report at this time.

9. THEATRE SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT – Jackie Townes

- a. There would be a February meeting scheduled.

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

- a. Ms. Riemann reported that talks were ongoing with Art teachers at Dodd Middle School and at St. Bridget School concerning the possibility of students in grades 6 to 8 taking part in the proposed Instagram component of the 2014 Arts Day Event.
- b. Ms. Karklel noted that the 26th Annual Arts Day would take place at the Cheshire Academy Dining Hall on Sunday March 16th from 1pm to 4pm. Fifteen artists would be on hand to teach and assist children from ages 5 to 12 and their parents in making art from "Found Objects", this year's theme. She mentioned that 600 children had taken part in the 2013 Arts Day Event. The event is free and open to the public.
- c. Ms. Kiesling noted that she was expecting around 40 volunteers to assist the art teachers as in years past. She suggested that a thank you event take place at the Funky Monkey Café to thank the art teachers for taking part in Arts Day.
- d. The activities will include a poetry and collage station, origami, metal sculpture, jewelry making and printmaking stations. There will be a clown, a puppet demonstration, and a percussionist on hand, as well.





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11. ARTSPPLACE REPORT – Donna Lodynsky for Joan Pilarczyk

- a. An Art show is hanging through February at the Cheshire Public Library. Fifty paintings from Artsplace students are featured. The Opening reception was cancelled due to snow, but a closing reception will be held on Wednesday February, 26 at 6:00 in the Mary Baldwin Community Room. It will be followed by the Cheshire Art League meeting at which the Kensett Video will be shown. Artist Tony Ruggiero will demonstrate Pointillism.
- b. Ms. Pilarczyk thanks Linda Giordano, Karen Piedescalzo and Liza Sullivan for assisting in hanging the show.
- c. Artist and art teacher Rita Paradis will be exhibiting works by her students from her Artsplace classes in Colored Pencil at the Cheshire Public Library in March.
- d. The Job Shadow program from the Cheshire Public High School took place at Artsplace on February 4, 2014. Two students attended, Juniors Amanda Nowak and Marisa Barbato. They came for four hours and assisted in preparations for the art show and Arts Day. Both evinced an interest in volunteering during Arts Day and in being student teachers at Artsplace classes.
- e. Artsplace will be installing the “Rec Trac” database on February 10th, and will be providing staff training on February 25, 2014.
- f. The Fine Art budget presentation to the Cheshire Town Council is scheduled for Tuesday, March 25, 2014 at 6:30pm.
- g. Due to teacher Sean Speliades death the Anime class is meeting as a club with artist Robin MCCahill as moderator.

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

- a. Ms. Mark reported that the Parks and Recreation Facility will not be available for the Author Event in October so the date has been changed to Tuesday, September 30th, 2014.

13. OLD BUSINESS

- a. No old business.

14. NEW BUSINESS

- a. The Scholarship Subcommittee members will need to meet between March 26th and April 21st, 2014, when the student applications will be available from the Cheshire Public High School. The full committee will vote on the scholarship winner at the April 22nd meeting.
- b. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 18, 2014 at Artsplace, at 7:30PM.

15. ADJOURNMENT

*Ms. Myjak made a motion to adjourn; Ms. Frazier seconded the Motion.
Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.*

Respectfully submitted by
Agnes Wnuk

