



## CHESHIRE PERFORMING FINE ARTS COMMITTEE

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### CHESHIRE PERFORMING AND FINE ARTS COMMITTEE MEETING

**Tuesday, May 20, 2014, 7:30 PM**

**Artsplace**

**1220 Waterbury Road**

**Cheshire, CT 06410**

**Committee Members Present:** Joyce Karklel, Heather Kiesling, Donna Lodynsky,  
Denise Lohr, Donna Myjak, Maricele Riemann, Jackie Townes

**Others Present:**, Ramona Burkey (Director, Cheshire Public Library)  
Joan Pilarczyk (Director, Artsplace)  
Hilary Rutberg (Membership Chair, Friends of CPFA/Artsplace, Inc.)  
Jill Veiga, prospective committee member

**Absent:** Ann Hearn, committee member  
Courtney Cullinan, committee member  
Patti Flynn-Harris (Representative, Cheshire Town Council)  
Ophelia Frazier, committee member  
Donna Mark (President, 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 7:36 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Ms. Lodynsky welcomed committee members to the monthly meeting and a guest, Ms. Jill Veiga, a prospective committee member.

**4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION** – No public communications.

**5. APPROVAL of April 22, 2014 Minutes**

Corrections:

10b. The date of the puppet show is Sunday September 14, 2014.

3. Ms. Pilarczyk name was spelled incorrectly.

14b. The name should be spelled “Michaela’s Garden”

*Ms. Karklel made a motion to accept the April 22, 2014 minutes with corrections, Ms. Myjak seconded, and the motion passed with one abstention.*





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### **6. TREASURER'S REPORT – Ms. Pilarczyk for Ophelia Frazier**

- a. Ms. Pilarczyk noted that the budget continues to be on target at 87% for the year.

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

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

- a. No report.

### **8. LIBRARY DIRECTOR REPORT – Ramona Burkey**

- a. Ms. Burkey reported that the library plans on working with Artsplace and Friends of CPFA/Artsplace, Inc. on performing arts projects in the future..

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

- a. Ms. Pilarczyk noted that she is in the process of acquiring a banner and framing system to hang on the front wall of the Artsplace building and is waiting for approval from the town. The banners would include an image of John Frederick Kensett and images of artwork from Artsplace instructors.

*A motion was made by Ms. Townes to appropriate up to \$1500.00 (from the Friends of CPFA Escrow account) for the signage for Artsplace. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kiesling. The motion passed.*

- b. The summer schedule is published and the summer semester will begin on June 30<sup>th</sup> with art classes, camps and workshops. Online registrations will not be available until the Fall semester. Spring classes finish June 11, 2014.
- c. Ms. Riemann drew the name of Thomas Nichols as the winner of the \$25.00 gift certificate from among 50 names. The drawing was for completing the Artsday survey
- d. The Friends of CPFA/Artsplace are providing funding for a free drawing art class for Veterans as a thank you for their contributions. Instructor Tony Ruggiero will be teaching four sessions this summer, Tuesdays and Thursdays, July 8, 10, 15, 17, 2014, from 3-5 pm.
- e. Artsplace welcomes a new building supervisor Ms. Naomi Kasinskas to the staff.
- f. Ms. Pilarczyk suggested purchasing a large retractable screen which could be hung above the stage upstairs and used for special programming. Discussion followed concerning the sound system currently installed. Ms. Burkey recommended that Mr. Anthony Verrill be contacted to help optimize the usage of the system for programs.

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

- a. No report.





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### 11. OLD BUSINESS

- a. **Pina Gentry Jaroslow Scholarship** – Ms. Pilarczyk reiterated specifics of the Summer scholarship. All children entering grades 1 to 8 at Cheshire public and parochial schools are eligible. Ms. Lohr will distribute flyers at St. Bridget School. Ms. Pilarczyk will ask permission from Dr. Florio to advertise on “Power School” in Cheshire Public Schools.
- b. The scholarships for 2014 are being handed out April 20 at the Cheshire Public High School.
- c. Michaela’s Garden Project – Ms. Pilarczyk described in detail the fundraising project which helps fund the “Petit Family Foundation”. The flowers and seeds help in educational pursuits. Friends of CPFA/Artsplace, Inc. provided \$50.00 to purchase 10 mature “Four O’clock Flower” plants. Ms. Pilarczyk will position the plants on the side of the building. She recommended that the flowers will be used for art classes and art shows and the harvested seeds will be sold at upcoming functions. Sales funds would be split evenly between both 501c(3) organizations, Friends of CPFA/Artsplace and Petit Family Foundation. Ms. Vickie Scott, the program coordinator will speak at the next committee meeting. The official Michaela Garden is situated at the Connecticut Science Center, with other gardens around Connecticut, Artsplace being the first art school to support the project. Original seeds were harvested from Michaela Petit’s home garden. Ms. Veiga volunteered to harvest the seeds weekly once they develop.
- d. Ms. Karklel and Ms. Riemann made some suggestions for making a fundraiser to raise funds for the “Sean Speliades Memorial” sculpture which is being planned. They will do some research as well as Ms Pilarczyk into the feasibility for such a venture and any permissions that would need to be procured.

### 14. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Friends of CPFA/Artsplace, Inc. funded flowers provided by Mr. Bill Boniminio and arranged in the large planters situated in the Artsplace parking lot.
- b. Cheshire Garden Club members Inge Venus and Anupa Simpatico are working hard on Artsplace gardens to make them beautiful in all seasons. Staff and committee thank their hard efforts, commitment and vision.
- c. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 17, 2014 at the Cheshire Town Hall, in the Council Room, at 7:30PM.

### 15. ADJOURNMENT

*Ms. Kiesling made a motion to adjourn; Ms. Townes seconded the Motion.  
Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:55 P.M.*

Respectfully submitted by  
Agnes Wnuk

