



## CHESHIRE PERFORMING FINE ARTS COMMITTEE

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### CHESHIRE PERFORMING AND FINE ARTS COMMITTEE MEETING

**Tuesday, June 17, 2014, 7:30 PM**

**Artsplace**

**1220 Waterbury Road**

**Cheshire, CT 06410**

**Committee Members Present:** Courtney Cullinan, Ophelia Frazier, Ann Hearn, Joyce Karklel, Heather Kiesling, Donna Lodynsky, Denise Lohr, Donna Myjak, Maricele Riemann, Jackie Townes

**Others Present:** Joan Pilarczyk (Director, Artsplace)  
Donna Mark (President, Friends of CPFA/Artsplace, Inc.)  
Jill Veiga (potential committee member)

**Absent:** Ramona Burkey (Director, Cheshire Public Library)  
Patti Flynn-Harris (Representative, Cheshire Town Council)  
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.

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

- a. Ms. Lodynsky introduced Shreya Dhume, Dodd Middle School eighth grade student, who is the “2014 Pina Gentry Jaroslaw Memorial Award” winner. Miss Dhume received flowers and a gift certificate for an Artsplace program for her essay *An Unforgettable Halloween*. This is the ninth year the essay contest has been co-sponsored by Artsplace and Cheshire Parks & Recreation Dept.
- b. Both Ms. Pilarczyk and Ms. Lodynsky introduced Mr. Jim Flood, proprietor of Bovano’s. The company will be hosting an “Artists Festival” on August 9, 2014 from 10:00 to 4:00 at 830 South Main Street in Cheshire. Booth setup will begin at 7:00AM. There is room for 20 booths, which will cost \$25.00. Mr. Flood asked CPFA board members to share the application form with contacts and encourage a response by July 1, 2014.
- c. The representative from “Michaela’s Garden Project”, Ms. Vicki Scott was not able to attend, and will be invited to another upcoming meeting. Artsplace and Cheshire Public Library will host a summer program entitled “Fizz and Boom with Four O’Clocks”, which will take place on July 1, 2014 from 10:00 to 11:30AM, with instructor Rebecca Rice. The event is suitable for children 6 and up.





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### 5. APPROVAL of May 20, 2014 Minutes

The following are corrections to the May Minutes:

- a. 11.c should read: The official Michaela Garden is situated at the Connecticut Science Center. There are other Michaela's gardens around Connecticut. Artsplace will be the first art school to support the project.
- b. 11.d. should read: Ms. Karklel, Ms. Riemann and Ms. Pilarczyk will conduct research into the feasibility for such a venture and any permissions that would be needed.
- c. 14.b. should read: Staff and committee thank *them* for their hard efforts, commitment and vision.

*Ms. Lohr made a motion to accept the May 20, 2014 minutes with corrections, Ms. Townes seconded, and the motion passed with three abstentions: Ms. Frazier, Ms. Hearn and Ms. Cullinan.*

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

- a. Ms. Frazier noted that Artsplace exceeded its estimated revenue.
- b. Ms. Lodynsky asked that motions made concerning escrow account be made available to members. Ms. Mark mentioned that she has forms prepared for anyone needing to be reimbursed for expenditures made on behalf of Artsplace for scheduled events and Ms. Pilarczyk has copies available in the office. Ms. Frazier asked members to submit a copy to her for such expenditures to be recorded.
- c. Ms. Pilarczyk mentioned a few purchases that need to be made. These include a “projection screen” and a “projector”, about which the Town IT will be consulted.

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

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

- a. Ms. Myjak read out two thank you notes from the 2014 CPFA Scholarship recipients: Ben Saccoccio and Courtney Marie Hall.
- b. There was a thank you card from Theresa and Jeff Speliades, and a \$100.00 donation to “The Friends of CPFA Artsplace” towards the *Sean Speliades Memorial* account.

### 8. LIBRARY DIRECTOR REPORT – Ramona Burkey

- a. No report.





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### 9. ARTSPLACE REPORT – Joan Pilarczyk

- a. Ms. Pilarczyk noted that Summer registration is at 87 students registered in 45 programs. (7 programs have adequate enrollment to run). A full color ad about Artsplace summer offerings will appear this Thursday in both the Cheshire Herald and the Cheshire Citizen.
- b. Fiscal yearend report – 98.5 % of this fiscal years' budget has been spent. A few purchase orders remain and will be unencumbered once final supplies are replenished for summer classes. The FY '15 budget is \$176,243, which includes a 3.8% increase.
- c. Sean Speliades Memorial - Sean's students sold donated plants and baked goods at the Strawberry Festival last weekend. Special thanks to Al Arisco of Arisco Farms and Gary Lohr, for making this possible. Funds, handled by Friends of CPFA/Artsplace, Inc., will be used towards purchasing a metal memorial sculpture at Artsplace in Sean's memory. Anime students were sent thank you letters for their help at the June 14 event.
- d. Veteran's Program – After a press release to the Cheshire Herald, Tony Ruggiero and Ms. Pilarczyk were contacted by a reporter and interviewed for an article. Ms. Pilarczyk will submit information to the VA for publication outside of Cheshire. Mr. John White has also distributed information to his contact list of Veterans. Currently two veterans are registered for the free pen & ink workshop beginning July 8. No special drawing skills are needed to attend.
- e. Banner/Frame update for outside Artsplace- The banners and frame will be ordered shortly and be installed to the right of the Artsplace front door.

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

- a. The scheduled puppet show will take place on Sunday, September 14, 2014 at 2:00PM at Artsplace. Information will be made available at the Cheshire Public Library. It will be a ticketed event due to space restrictions but will be free to the public.
- b. The date for the 2014 Author Event will be forthcoming. The author is Susanne Palmieri, whose books include *The Witch of Little Italy* and *Empire Girls*.
- a. The "Friends" would like to replace the metal chairs used upstairs in Artsplace.
- b. Ms. Melanie Rice is the new Secretary.

### 11. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Michaela's Garden Project – The *Four O'Clock* flowers have been planted in a 6' x 6' space by the handicapped ramp on the side of the Artsplace building. Volunteers will harvest the seeds once the blossoms occur and donate them back to the Petit Family Foundation.
- b. Public Filming of CPFA Committee at Town Hall – Ms. Arnett Talbot will provide alternate dates for filming. The committee agreed that July 15, 2014 would not work for a recorded meeting and suggested waiting to see if a Fall date is possible.





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### 14. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Ms. Hearn asked for support of the meeting concerning the Town's approval of the old "Ball and Socket" facility as a new art center.
- b. Ms. Hearn discussed plans for the use of the Artsplace building for the primary election to be held on August 12, 2014.
- c. Ms. Kiesling reported on the Sean Speliades event/Art Gala, proposed for November 8, 2014. Ms. Kiesling spoke of a potential band, which is available for \$600.00 for 3 hours. Other possible dates were discussed.
- d. Ms. Townes reported that Saint Pete's Church of Cheshire would be borrowing costumes from the CPFA inventory for the summer production of *Oliver*.
- e. It was noted that six months ago the committee appropriated \$1300.00 for new curtains and a tracking system for the stage at Artsplace. The price has risen in the mean time.

*Ms. Townes made a motion that we appropriate \$100.00 to come from the CPFA Gift Account to cover the cost overrun of the purchase of stage curtains and a tracking system for the Artsplace stage. Ms. Karklel seconded the motion and the motion passed.*

- f. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 15, 2014 at Artsplace at 7:30PM.

### 15. ADJOURNMENT

*Ms. Lohr made a motion to adjourn; Ms. Karklel seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 9:22 P.M.*

Respectfully submitted by  
Agnes Wnuk

