



CHESHIRE PERFORMING FINE ARTS COMMITTEE

1220 Waterbury Road • Cheshire, Connecticut 06410

Phone 203.272.ARTS (2787) FAX 203.699-8857

CHESHIRE PERFORMING AND FINE ARTS COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, October 21, 2014, 7:30 PM

Artsplace

1220 Waterbury Road

Cheshire, CT 06410

Committee Members Present:, Ann Hearn, Joyce Karklel, Donna Lodynsky, Denise Lohr,
Donna Myjak, Maricele Riemann Jackie Townes

Others Present: Patti Flynn-Harris (Representative, Cheshire Town Council)
Joan Pilarczyk (Director, Artsplace)
Jill Veiga (potential committee member)

Absent: Ramona Burkey (Director, Cheshire Public Library)
Courtney Cullinan (Committee member)
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 7:30 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. WELCOME REMARKS - Donna Lodynsky, Chairperson.

4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION –

- a. Ms. Lodynsky introduced Ms. Linda Marino to the committee. Ms. Marino described her new business venture in Cheshire, called “A Fresh Perspective Art Studio & Gallery” at the Watch Factory Shoppes. The studio offers classes, painting parties, workshops, open studio opportunities, demonstrations and art shows. Ms. Marino expressed a willingness to work with Artsplace in mutual support.
- b. Ms. Flynn-Harris donated a collection of art books to the Artsplace art library and reminded members of the Cheshire Public Library Book Sale, this weekend, ending on Sunday at 5:00pm.
- c. Both Ms. Flynn-Harris and Ms. Hearn mentioned the progress at the “Ball & Socket Arts” venue. They related the idea of having local artists paint the windows that are currently boarded up before renovations are complete. They described a walk through that had been conducted by the organizers and local photographers. Committee members recommended that the photography should be showcased at venues in town.





CHESHIRE PERFORMING FINE ARTS COMMITTEE

1220 Waterbury Road • Cheshire, Connecticut 06410

Phone 203.272.ARTS (2787) FAX 203.699-8857

5. APPROVAL of September 18, 2014 Minutes

The following are corrections to the September Minutes:

- a. "Committee members absent" should not include Ms. Heather Kiesling as absent since she had sent in her letter of resignation. It should not include Ms. Hilary Rutberg but should include Ms. Courtney Cullinan.
- b. 4. Should read "Ms. Lodynsky noted that she and Ms. Mark had attended the Bovanofest..."
- c. 4. Should read "Ms. Lodynsky expressed her thanks to Ms. Robin McCahill and her assistant Aja Suarez..."
- d. 11.d. Should read "Mulan Jr. was extremely successful, both artistically and financially and received positive feedback from both participants and their parents. Following the performance, Ms. Petela suggested specific improvements in the lighting and sound systems at Artsplace for future performances. A discussion ensued and all agreed that this would be beneficial for future events at Artsplace. Ms. Lodynsky will request specific price quotes from Ms. Petela for suggested upgrades to sound and light systems at Artsplace. The committee will table the discussion for further review at a future CPFA meeting.

Ms. Karklel made a motion to accept the September 18, 2014 minutes with corrections, Ms. Lohr seconded, and the motion passed.

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

- a. Committee members reviewed the latest statement and asked questions concerning line items with 100%. Ms. Pilarczyk answered those questions and noted that finances are on target.

A motion was made by Ms. Townes to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Ms. Hearn. The Motion passed.

7. SECRETARY'S REPORT – Donna Myjak

- a. No report at this time.

8. LIBRARY DIRECTOR REPORT – Ramona Burkey

- a. No report at this time.





CHESHIRE PERFORMING FINE ARTS COMMITTEE

1220 Waterbury Road • Cheshire, Connecticut 06410

Phone 203.272.ARTS (2787) FAX 203.699-8857

9. ARTSPLACE REPORT – Joan Pilarczyk

- a. Ms. Pilarczyk asked that a vote be taken to return money to Petty Cash that had been used for pizza during a session of working on the Sean Speliades Memorial sculpture.

Ms. Hearn made a motion to return \$31.75 to petty cash from the Sean Speliades Memorial Fund, which was used to provide pizza to teens working on the sculpture project on August 25, 2014. The motion was seconded by Ms. Myjak and passed unanimously.

- b. Paperwork and expenses have been approved by the Town for panic buttons to be installed in the upstairs classroom.
- c. The melted weather stripping was cleaned off of walls and replaced above the ceiling tiles on October 7, 2014. The walls will be repainted.
- d. The quote for raised cut out letters and a white aluminum re-facing of front sign is \$1470.00, while vinyl lettering would cost only \$950.00
- e. Ms. Pilarczyk recommended that the organizers from Ball & Socket Arts be invited to speak about the new venue to the committee at a upcoming meeting.
- f. The Enrichment Program for Town employees was a wonderful success. There was an article in the Cheshire Herald about the event.
- g. Eight 4' x 6' banners to be installed on the right of the Artsplace entry wall on a rotating basis have been ordered and are expected to be finished this fall. The first banner to be hung will be of the portrait of John Frederick Kensett, which hangs in the Cheshire Town Hall. Subsequent posters will be of artwork by Artsplace Artist/Instructors: Ciravolo, DeSomma, Noreika, Paradis, Ruggiero, Teixeira and Webster.
- h. Artsplace Fall programs include 212 students (117 resident and 95 non-resident). A six week pottery class is being offered, with Jan Lesnikoski as instructor starting on November 5, 2014.
- i. The Veteran's Program has been advertised and starts on November 12, 2014. Information about the program is available on "youtube" as "30 Minutes with Ron".
- j. The Cheshire Half Marathon on Sunday April 27, 2015 has a table available for Artsplace. Over 3,500 people are expected to take part this year. Money raised at the event supports the Abilities Without Boundries", "Best Buddies. CT" and "The Cheshire Lions Club". Discussion was tabled for a later time.
- k. A count of 353 Kensett activity books were delivered to all Cheshire 3rd graders along with 6 new teacher guides.





CHESHIRE PERFORMING FINE ARTS COMMITTEE

1220 Waterbury Road • Cheshire, Connecticut 06410

Phone 203.272.ARTS (2787) FAX 203.699-8857

10. Friends of CPFA/Artsplace, Inc. – Ms. Pilarczyk for Donna Mark

- a. The 12th Annual Author's Event was a success with an excellent speaker. Attendees commented positively about the food served and the extra space this year. The event helps the free Art Heals program, which sends an Artsplace teacher to home-bound Cheshire residents for a four to six session art class, at the end of which the project is professionally framed.
- b. The Cecchetti Ballet Theatre will give a performance at Artsplace on Sunday, November 16, 2014 at 2:00PM. The dancers will perform excerpts from the Nutcracker. They will provide a workshop for audience members. Registration for the event is available by calling Artsplace at (203)272-2787.

11. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Donations to the "Pajama Program Connecticut Chapter," to the Cheshire Food Bank and the art supplies for "The Giving Tree" will be accepted until the December 2, 2014 meeting.
- b. There is a meeting scheduled for 1:00PM on November 6, 2014 to discuss the black-out curtains and sound system with among others, Ms. Petela, Ms Chambrelli, Ms. Pilarczyk.

12. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Ms. Lodynsky reported on the MICA (Made in Connecticut Arts) organization. The group plans to help local artists in marketing their products. Ms. Lodynsky is a board member and will report on developments at MICA to the committee in the future.
- b. Ms. Lodynsky and Ms. Towns reported on the Cheshire Mason's Haunted House. Proceeds of the seasonal event help support the Cheshire Food Bank.
- c. The final meeting of the year will be held on December 2, 2014 at 6:00PM at Artsplace.
- d. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 18, 2014 at Artsplace at 7:30PM.

13. ADJOURNMENT

*Ms. Karklel made a motion to adjourn; Ms. Myjak seconded the Motion.
Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:22 P.M.*

Respectfully submitted by

Agnes Wnuk

