



CHESHIRE PERFORMING FINE ARTS COMMITTEE

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CHESHIRE PERFORMING AND FINE ARTS COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, March 17, 2015, 7:00 PM

Artsplace

1220 Waterbury Road

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Committee Members Present: Ophelia Frazier, Joyce Karklel, Donna Lodynsky,
Denise Lohr, Donna Myjak, Maricele Riemann, Jackie Townes, Jill Veiga

Others Present: Ramona Burkey (Director, Cheshire Public Library)
Donna Mark (President, Friends of CPFA/Artsplace, Inc.)
Joan Pilarczyk (Director, Artsplace)
Joe Trifilo (prospective Committee Member)

Absent: Patti Flynn-Harris (Representative, Cheshire Town Council)

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 7:09 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. WELCOME REMARKS - Donna Lodynsky, Chairperson.

4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION – Donna Lodynsky, Chairperson.

a. Ms. Lodynsky introduced and welcomed Mr. Trifilo as a prospective member.

5. APPROVAL of February 10, 2015 Minutes

*Ms. Riemann made a motion to accept the February 10, 2015 minutes,
Ms. Lohr seconded, and the motion passed with one abstention.*

6. TREASURER'S REPORT – Ophelia Frazier

a. Members perused the report which indicates that finances are currently at 61.9%.

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





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7. SECRETARY'S REPORT – Donna Myjak

- a. There were several handmade thank you cards from children who received books and pajamas from the “Pajama Program” donated to the Klingberg Family Center in New Britain.

8. LIBRARY DIRECTOR REPORT – Ramona Burkey

- a. Ms. Burkey reported that the library is once again fully staffed after several retirements.
- b. The 2015 Summer reading program will include the “Full STEAM Ahead Summer learning Challenge”.
- c. Ms. Burkey described various events taking place at the library, including a visit from a kangaroo.
- d. The Cheshire Public Library will be shifting hours for better customer service from the current 9:30AM-9:00PM schedule to 9:00AM to 8:30PM.

9. ARTSPLACE REPORT – Joan Pilarczyk

- a. Ms. Pilarczyk reported that there will be an increase of 3.7% for the fiscal year 2016, with more hours for the daytime clerk position.
- b. Ms. Pilarczyk informed members that the Winter classes concluded with 274 students, which included 190 town residents and 84 out-of-town residents. To date 107 students have registered for the Spring semester classes, this being the first week of registration. Last year the final count was 231 Spring Semester students.
- c. Ms. Pilarczyk reported that the drive to making Michaela's Flower as the first State Children's Flower is making its way through the State Legislature and awaiting a vote.
- d. Ms. Pilarczyk reminded members that John Frederick Kensett's 200th birthday will be coming in March of 2016, and that Artsplace will be developing a program for the Cheshire Community in conjunction with other Cheshire Town Organizations, including lectures, period dinners, and other surprises.
- e. Ms. Pilarczyk mentioned that Ms. Rita Paradis' Colored Pencil Class students will be showing their new work at the Cheshire Public Library from May 7th till the 29th.
- f. The Ball & Socket Arts is proposing a fundraiser in the form of House Tours the first weekend of December 2015, with period costumes and other period displays.

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

- a. The Friends have donated \$50.00 to the Cheshire Art League as a prize for their annual art show.
- b. Ms. Mark announced that Friends will be funding the “In Touch Tuesday's” program proposed by Artsplace director Joan Pilarczyk.
- c. Ms. Mark mentioned that the Friends group will be funding new metal chairs for the upstairs room in Artsplace, including a rack for storage. Ms. Mark has already purchased new curtain rods and will construct blackout curtains for the upstairs room.





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- d. The Friends are proposing to bring the annual Author Night back at Artsplace in 2015.
- e. Ms. Mark announced that there will be a new brochure printed for the Art Heals program.

11. OLD BUSINESS

- a. 27th Annual ARTSDAY, was held on March 15, 2015, at the Gideon Welles Dining Commons at Cheshire Academy. Ms. Lodynsky thanked Ms. Karklel and Ms. Riemann for their hard work organizing and to members for all their help. Many parents took part with their children. Some inquired about classes at Artsplace. Many participants noted that they liked the nature theme. There were 708 participants in 2014 as opposed to the 480 participants this year, which made it easier for participants to take part in the different art projects on hand.

A motion was made by Ms. Townes that we deposit the \$500.77 from Artsday Concessions and donations to the CPFA Scholarship Fund. Ms. Karklel seconded the motion. The Motion passed.

Ideas for the forthcoming 2016 Artsday, whose theme will be “The Five Senses” were plentiful and will be reviewed.

Ms. Karklel made a motion that as a thank you to Vicki Scott for her participation in the 27th Annual Artsday, the payment per her request, be donated to the Petit Family Foundation and the check made out to such. The funds will be withdrawn from the CPFA escrow account in the sum of \$160.00. Ms. Riemann seconded the motion. The Motion passed

- b. Ms. Pilarczyk pulled out the winning entry for the Survey taken at Artsday. The winner of the \$25.00 Artsplace gift certificate was Mr. Shane Calabreau.
- c.. Ms. Lodynsky reminded the Scholarship sub-committee that the deadline for Scholarships will be April 21, 2015. She asked that the committee meet before so that they can give details at the next meeting.
- d. Discussion of the “Conflict of Interest” will be addressed at the next meeting.

12. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Ms. Lodynsky informed members that The Strawberry Festival Committee sent a letter asking for a donation for a raffle, the proceeds of which will go towards the Cheshire Community Food Pantry. And likewise communicated the request for a donation for the Cheshire Art League and the Cheshire High School. She shared a card and donation received from Ms. Teresa Burnett for \$1000.00 for the Sean Speliades Memorial Fund.





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- b. Ms. Lodynsky mentioned that Mr. Ron Gagliardi had kindly offered to donate 50-60 cartoons to Artsplace. Committee members felt that putting them into a book form and having it available to the public at the Cheshire Public Library might be the best option.
- c. There was a discussion concerning the lights and sound system for which two companies had provided proposals. It was decided that nothing as elaborate as proposed was necessary. Ms. Burke recommended that the committee get a quote from the contractor who worked with the library with their sound needs.
- d. Elections for officers for the 2015/2016 year were proposed and nominations were made by Ms. Lohr.

A motion was made by Ms. Lohr to nominate

Donna Lodynsky to be President,

Maricel Riemann to be Vice President,

Ophelia Frazier to be Treasurer,

Donna Myjak to be Secretary.

Ms. Karklel seconded the motion. All voted yes, no one voted no. The Motion passed.

- e. In tandem Ms. Lodynsky read out two letters of resignation of committee members from Ms. Ann Hearn and from Ms. Courtney Cullinan.
- f. The next meeting will be held on April 21, 2015 at 7:00PM at Artsplace.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Karklel made a motion to adjourn; Ms. Frazier seconded the Motion.

Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Agnes Wnuk

