



## CHESHIRE PERFORMING FINE ARTS COMMITTEE

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### CHESHIRE PERFORMING AND FINE ARTS COMMITTEE MEETING

**Tuesday, June 23, 2015, 7:00 PM**

**Artsplace**

**1220 Waterbury Road**

**Cheshire, CT 06410**

**Committee Members Present:** Ophelia Frazier, Joyce Karklel, Donna Lodynsky, Denise Lohr, Youchung Torok

**Others Present:** Patti Flynn-Harris (Representative, Cheshire Town Council)  
Joan Pilarczyk (Director, Artsplace)

**Absent:** Ramona Burkey (Director, Cheshire Public Library)  
Donna Mark (President, Friends of CPFA/Artsplace, Inc.)  
Donna Myjak (Committee member)  
Maricele Riemann (Committee member)  
Jackie Townes (Committee member)  
Jill Veiga (Committee member)

**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 7:07 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. WELCOME REMARKS - Donna Lodynsky, Chairperson.** At the beginning of the meeting there was no quorum so that motions had to be tabled until more members arrived. When Ms. Karklel arrived the meeting continued with a quorum.

**4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION – Donna Lodynsky, Chairperson.**

- a. The Chairperson introduced a guest, Ms. Yetta Augur, who came to describe the positive impact that the CPFA Theater program had had in her son Raymond Wetmore's life, and helped to introduce him to the arts in which he now works, as a designer for the "Cirque de Soleil". Ms. Augur works for SARAH. Inc., and described the organization to members who were not familiar with the organization and the work that it does in Connecticut.
- b. Ms. Lodynsky introduced Ms. Youchung Torok to the committee as a new appointed and sworn in committee member. Ms. Torok said a few words about herself, about her life in Cheshire, and about her commitment to the arts.





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### 5. APPROVAL of May 19, 2015 Minutes

7a. Should read :

“The secretary reported on receiving one letter of appreciation from Ms. Elizabeth Sullivan, a Cheshire resident who attended the 2015 Artsday.”

9c. Should read:

“Ms Pilarczyk reminded members that the art work by two Colored Pencil Classes led by Rita Paradis have been hung and will continue until May 29th at the Cheshire Public Library.”

9i. Should read:

“On Tuesday March 22, 2016 cupcakes will be offered in celebration of the birthday.”

11b. Should read:

“Ms. Myjak mentioned the winners of the CPFA scholarship. Ms. Paige Parlier won the \$750.00 scholarship and Samantha Price the \$250.00 dollar scholarship.”

12a. Should read:

“The Cheshire Historical Society will participate in the 2015 Memorial Day Parade.”

12d. Should read:

“Committee members should come to the next meeting in one color for group photo.”

*Ms. Karklel made a motion to accept the May 19, 2015 minutes with all corrections, Ms. Lohr seconded, and the motion passed. Ms. Torok abstained.*

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

a. Members perused the report which indicates that finances are currently at 98%.

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

### 7. SECRETARY’S REPORT – Ms. Lodynsky for Donna Myjak

a. The president reported on receiving one letter of thanks from Miss Samantha Price for the scholarship that she received from the committee this past month, which will go towards her





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college education.

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

- a. No report.

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

- a. Ms. Pilarczyk reported that the Spring Session finished with 23 classes and 8 workshops attended by over 200 students.
- b. Ms. Pilarczyk informed members that Bill #5174 was signed into law by Governor Malloy and that Connecticut is the first state with a Children's State Flower. The Four O'Clocks that Michaela Petit cultivated will be that flower.
- c. The Pina-Jaroslow project is progressing and members and the public will soon see raised beds standing between Artsplace and the Dog Park and that herbs of different varieties will be free to take by the public. Ms. Pilarczyk asked that members donate any herbs that they may cultivate at home. It will be called "Pina's Giving Garden". Children will have a chance to learn the art of gardening.
- d. There will be an Artsplace teacher and student art show at the Cheshire Public Library in September. The deadline for entries is September 1, 2015. The reception will be held, Thursday, September 17, 2015 at 6:30PM.
- e. The Fiscal yearend report mentioned that 98% of the funds had been used.
- g. Summer enrollment stands at 140 students currently.
- h. Artsplace will hold the Sean Speliades Memorial sculpture dedication on Sunday, August 30, 2015 at Artsplace.
- i. Strawberry Festival report – Although the location of the booth was not ideal the Artsplace teachers and volunteer were able to show 25-30 children and parents different free art activities like felting and dream-catchers, and magic carpets. Many thanks go to teachers Barbara Kanner and Robin McCahill and to volunteer Christy Myjak.
- j. Kensett 200<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party update – The Kensett Birthday Facebook page and JFKensett Instagram page are up and running and Ms. Pilarczyk asked that members follow and like both pages, as well as receive updates on the Kensett Birthday Celebration there.
- k. Ms. Pilarczyk reported on a meeting she attended concerning funding for non-profit groups in Connecticut.

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

- a. Ms. Pilarczyk reported that over one hundred new, black metal chairs, donated by the Friends group have arrived and are ready for use in the upper level of Artsplace.





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### 11. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Ms. Flynn-Harris mentioned that since the Ball & Socket Arts has signed a lease on the garage on West Main Street only until October that perhaps the location could be used for the Kensett Birthday Celebration project in some capacity. Members agreed that the matter should be broached with the property owner and Ball & Socket to see about its possible availability.
- b. Ms. Pilarczyk mentioned that the Ball & Socket Arts will hold “Pop-up Galleries” between June and October 2015 and that they seek docents to work on weekends. She passed around a sign-up sheet for members to sign if they had the time to devote to this request.
- c. Ms. Lodynsky mentioned that Artsplace should have a presence at the BovanoFest on August 8<sup>th</sup>, between the hours of 10:00AM and 4:00PM. She asked for volunteers to man the table and help people to information about the Kensett Birthday Celebration. She asked that members be ready to make a cake that can be used on that day at the next meeting and that a flag or banner should be made for that occasion as well. M. Karklel recommended that it be vertical for better visibility.
- d. There was discussion about taking part in the Fall Festival on September 12, 2015, with the Cheshire Public Library as in the previous year. The banner and cake could be used at that occasion as well.

### 12. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Ms. Lodynsky mentioned the generous donation of an Artsplace student, Ms. Signian McGeary. It was decided that the donation would go into the “CPFA gift account scholarship line”.

*Ms. Lohr made a motion to accept a \$500.00 check from Signian McGeary to CPFA Cheshire Artsplace to be used for scholarships. The motion was seconded by Ms. Karklel. The motion passed.*

- b. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 21, 2015 at 7:00PM at Artsplace.

### 13. ADJOURNMENT

*Ms. Lohr made a motion to adjourn; Ms. Karklel seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:32 P.M.*

Respectfully submitted by,





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