



CHESHIRE PERFORMING FINE ARTS COMMITTEE

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CHESHIRE PERFORMING AND FINE ARTS COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, July 21, 2015, 7:00 PM

Artsplace

1220 Waterbury Road

Cheshire, CT 06410

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

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

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

4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION – Donna Lodynsky, Chairperson.

a. There were no public communications.

5. APPROVAL of June 23, 2015 Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Karklel to accept the June 23, 2015 Minutes, seconded by Ms. Lohr. The Motion passed

6. TREASURER'S REPORT – Ophelia Frazier

a. Members perused the report which indicates that finances are currently at 2.8% for the new fiscal year. The 2015 fiscal year ended at 100%.

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





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7. SECRETARY'S REPORT – Donna Myjak

- a. Ms. Myjak reported receiving two thank you letters. The first was from Ms. Rosemary Schaeffer, of the High Road Academy, thanking Artsplace for the use of screens for an event. The second letter was from the Cheshire Historical Society, thanking CPFA-Artsplace for taking part in the annual Antique and Collectibles Sale during the Strawberry Festival.

8. LIBRARY DIRECTOR REPORT – Ramona Burkey

- a. 600 Cheshire children have signed up for the Summer Reading Program at the Cheshire Public Library. The program is called "Full S.T.E.A.M . Ahead". The Finale will be held at Artsplace on August 24th.
- b. The library is already preparing for the Fall 2015, and Winter and Spring 2016 seasons. A month of Indian culture is being planned. Ms. Burkey would like to collaborate on some art activities with Artsplace and asked for ideas and support, which was enthusiastically received.

9. ARTSPLACE REPORT – Joan Pilarczyk

- a. Ms. Pilarczyk reported that the Summer Session finished with over 200 students attending.
- b. Ms. Pilarczyk noted that Bill #5174 will be 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. The flowers in the Artsplace "Michaelas' Garden" are in full bloom.
- c. The Pina-Jaroslow project, called "Pina's Giving Garden" is constructed and filled with herbs. The dedication ceremony will take place August 3, 2015 at 4:15PM.
- 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. Public Works were instrumental in preparing the lighting for the stage area in the upper level at Artsplace. The facility is getting ready for Annie Jr. with the purchase of audio support equipment to reattach with working ceiling speakers. Ms. Pilarczyk hopes to have it completed in time for two week August camp. Cooling the upstairs may be an issue as the air conditioning will be turned off overnight and not be able to recover if overnight temps are high.
- g. The Cheshire Fall Festival will be held on September 12, 2015. Artsplace will have a presence this year as in years past.
- h. Artsplace will hold the Sean Speliades Memorial sculpture dedication on Sunday, August 30, 2015 at Artsplace.





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

- a. Ms. Mark reported that the author for this year's Author Event will be Courtney Febbrioriello, whose book is titled "Wife of the Chef". Febbrioriello and husband chef Christopher Prosperi run Metro Bis in Simsbury, Connecticut. The Author Event will take place at Lane Construction Facility on October 7, 2015 at 6:00PM.
- b. Ms. Mark is busy preparing a grant proposal to bring artist, teacher, writer David Dunlop of Wilton, Connecticut to Cheshire in 2016 as part of the John Frederick Kensett 200th Birthday Celebration.

11. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Ms. Lodynsky reminded members about the second annual Bovanofest which will be held on Saturday August 8th and Sunday August 9th, 2015 from 10:00AM to 4:00PM. Artist Robin McCahill will be on hand with her felted puppets and there will be hands on art activities for children at the CPFA-Artsplace tent.
- b. Ms. Wnuk mentioned her participation as a docent on a Sunday at the "Arts Garage" on West Main Street in Cheshire. It is under the direction of the Ball & Socket Arts organization which is hosting art exhibits in the facility and which will continue until the end of September.

12. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Ms. Lodynsky mentioned that Ms. Calabro from the Cheshire Historical society and Ms. Pilarczyk from Artsplace would be filming at the Cox Communications with Mr. Ron Gagliardi and discussing the John Frederick Kensett Project.
- b. The chairperson also noted that the Cheshire Community Theater requested the use of the stage at Artsplace for December 5, 2015 from 11AM to 3PM for a holiday play reading.
- c. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 15, 2015 at 7:00PM at Artsplace.

13. ADJOURNMENT

*Ms. Lohr made a motion to adjourn; Ms. Torok seconded the Motion.
Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.*

Respectfully submitted by,

Agnes Wnuk

