



CHESHIRE PERFORMING FINE ARTS COMMITTEE

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CHESHIRE PERFORMING AND FINE ARTS COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, September 15, 2015, 7:00 PM

Artsplace

1220 Waterbury Road

Cheshire, CT 06410

Committee Members Present: Ophelia Frazier, Joyce Karklel, Donna Lodynsky,
Youchung Torok, Jackie Townes, 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)
Denise Lohr (Committee member)
Donna Myjak (Committee member)
Maricele Riemann (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 7:05 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. WELCOME REMARKS - Donna Lodynsky, Chairperson.

4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION – Donna Lodynsky, Chairperson.

- a. The Chairperson read a letter of resignation from committee member Maricele Riemann.
- b. She then introduced Ms. Leslie Hutchison to the committee as a possible member.
- c. Ms. Frazier mentioned the upcoming Cheshire Garden Club Holiday Luncheon, which features Ms. Sylvia Nichols as main speaker, and which will be held at the Aqua Turf in Southington, CT, at 9:30AM on Wednesday, December 2, 2015.

5. APPROVAL of July 21, 2015 Minutes

- a. 9.e should read "...the two week..."

A motion was made by Ms. Karklel to accept the July 21, 2015 Minutes, seconded by Torok. Ms. Townes abstained. The Motion passed





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6. TREASURER'S REPORT – Ophelia Frazier

- a. Members perused the report which indicates that finances are currently at 22.5% for the new fiscal year.

A motion was made by Ms. Veiga to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Ms. Karklel. The Motion passed

7. SECRETARY'S REPORT – Ms. Lodynsky for Donna Myjak

- a. Ms. Lodynsky read out a letter of thanks from Cheshire Public Library director Ms. Ramona Burkey addressed to the committee for their assistance in the finale for the summer reading program called "Full S.T.E.A.M . Ahead". It was held at the Artsplace facility, and was a tremendous success.

8. LIBRARY DIRECTOR REPORT – Ramona Burkey

- a. Ms. Burkey thanked committee members for assisting at the Cheshire Public Library Summer Reading Program held at Artsplace on August 24th, 2015.
- b. The library has worked to develop its strategic plan.
- c. Ms. Burkey commented on the wonderful Artsplace Student and Teacher Art show currently on view at the library.
- d. The library has new signage installed.
- e. A grant has been written to refurbish the basement and second floor levels.
- f. Library staff is busy writing a grant to provide an India month cultural program this winter.

9. ARTSPLACE REPORT – Joan Pilarczyk

- a. Ms. Pilarczyk reported that the Summer Reading Finale was attended by 200 students and parents. Gift certificates were given to attending children towards art classes at Artsplace. Ms. Pilarczyk thanked everyone who came so assist at the event.
- b. 180 students are currently enrolled in Fall classes.
- c. Ms. Pilarczyk noted that the website is being refurbished and that much work is going into promoting Artsplace on Facebook and on Instagram.
- d. The Pina-Jaroslow project, called "Pina's Giving Garden" is constructed and filled with herbs. Ms. Pilarczyk hoped members and public would take herbs before the frost comes.
- e. There will be a reception for the Artsplace teacher and student art show at the Cheshire Public Library on Thursday, September 17, 2015 at 6:30PM.
- f. Artsplace held the Sean Speliades Memorial sculpture dedication on Sunday, August 30, 2015 at Artsplace. It was well attended by family, friends, colleagues and students.





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

- a. Ms. Mark asked members for help the night of the 13th annual Author Event. The author this year will be Courtney Febroriello, whose book is titled “Wife of the Chef”. She and husband chef Christopher Prosperi run Metro Bis in Simsbury, Connecticut. The event will take place at Lane Construction Facility on October 7, 2015 at 6:00PM as scheduled.
- b. Ms. Mark is still waiting to hear about whether the Friends were successful in their bid for 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 thanked members for taking part in the second annual Bovanofest which was held on Saturday August 8th and Sunday August 9th, 2015 from 10:00AM to 4:00PM. Artists Robin McCahill and Barbara Kanner were on hand to lead activities for children at the CPFA-Artsplace tent.

*A motion was made by Ms. Karklel to “Please accept the \$24.00 cash sonation from attendants at Bovanofest to be submitted to the Scholarship line and Gift Account.”
Seconded by Ms. Veiga, the motion passed.*

- b. Ms. Pilarczyk mentioned that Barbara Kanner will take part on behalf of Artsplace at the Cheshire Land Trust sponsored “A Day at Ives Farm”, on Cheshire Street in Cheshire, on September 19, 2015 from 10:00AM to 4:00PM. She will be making Kensett Birthday pop-up cards with children in attendance. Mr. Joe Trifilo will make an appearance as John Frederick Kensett at the event.
- c. Ms. Pilarczyk also mentioned that plans are on schedule for the 200th John Frederick Kensett Birthday Celebration, with many town organizations adding events to the calendar.
- d. The air conditioning unit was discussed and Ms. Pilarczyk noted that the unit may be too small for the facility and that a new one may be needed.

12. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Ms. Lodynsky mentioned that Classes at Artsplace will not be held the day of elections November 3, 2015.
- b. Ms. Pilarczyk handed out a draft proposal for a strategic plan to members for perusal. Discussion will take place at the next meeting.
- c. Ms. Pilarczyk mentioned the upcoming 25th Anniversary of Artsplace and the need to celebrate the occasion in some way.
- d. A new tent cover needs to be purchased as the old one is disintegrating.





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Ms. Karklel made a motion to "allocate Funds from the Gift Account not to exceed \$400 from the line entitled "General Fund" for the purpose of replacing the tent canopies on the 10x10 tent". The motion was seconded by Ms. Townes and the motion passed.

- e. The Theatre group was offered the Alice theatre costumes and gladly accepted them.
- f. Ms. Jackie Townes was nominated as "Temporary Vice President" for the interim since the current vice president stepped down. The chairperson of the nominating committee will search for a new candidate and an election will be held at the November 17th Committee Meeting.
- g. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 20, 2015 at 7:00PM at Artsplace.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Townes made a motion to adjourn; Ms. Frazier seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Agnes Wnuk

