



CHESHIRE PERFORMING FINE ARTS COMMITTEE

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CHESHIRE PERFORMING AND FINE ARTS COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, October 20, 2015, 7:00 PM

Artsplace

1220 Waterbury Road

Cheshire, CT 06410

Committee Members Present: Joyce Karklel, Donna Lodynsky, Denise Lohr, Donna Myjak
Youchung Torok, Jackie Townes, Jill Veiga

Others Present: Donna Mark (President, Friends of CPFA/Artsplace, Inc.)
Joan Pilarczyk (Director, Artsplace)
Leslie Hutchison (potential Committee member)

Absent: Ramona Burkey (Director, Cheshire Public Library)
Patti Flynn-Harris (Representative, Cheshire Town Council)
Ophelia Frazier (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 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. WELCOME REMARKS - Donna Lodynsky, Chairperson.

4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION – Donna Lodynsky, Chairperson.

- a. The Chairperson noted that Ms. Leslie Hutchison has been accepted to the committee but has not yet been sworn in to the position.

5. APPROVAL of September 15, 2015 Minutes

Amendments to the Minutes:

- a. 9.a should read "...everyone who came to assist at the event..."
- b.12.f should read "...Ms. Jackie Townes was nominated as 'Interim Vice Chairperson'..."

A motion was made by Ms. Torok to accept the September 15, 2015 Minutes, seconded by Ms. Lohr. The Motion passed





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

- a. Ms. Pilarczyk reported that finances are currently at 29.5%, which is common for this period. The only change will come in the gift account when the new tents are ordered.

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

7. SECRETARY'S REPORT – Donna Myjak

- a. Ms. Myjak read out a letter of thanks from Ms. Rosemary Schaeffer from the High Road Academy for the loan of display screens from Artsplace. She also read a letter of thanks from the Board of Directors at the Cheshire Historical Society for Artsplace taking an active role at the Antique Arts and Collectibles this year.
- b. Ms. Lodynsky asked that the secretary write a thank you note to Ms. Betty Seibert and the Cecchetti Theatre Ballet for their kind donation of costumes.

8. LIBRARY DIRECTOR REPORT – Ms. Pilarczyk for Ramona Burkey

- a. Ms. Burkey and her library staff have been preparing a month long Indian Culture display at the Cheshire Public Library in the month of February. Artsplace will support this endeavor with three events, including puppets, kite decorating and Rangoli.

9. ARTSPLACE REPORT – Joan Pilarczyk

- a. Ms. Pilarczyk reported that there are currently 260 students enrolled in Autumn classes and workshops at Artsplace.

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

- a. Ms. Mark thanked members for their assistance the night of the 13th annual Author Event. Author Courtney Febroriello, whose book is titled "Wife of the Chef", gave a wonderful speech about life as a restaurateur as she and husband chef Christopher Proserpi run Metro Bis in Simsbury, Connecticut. The event took place at Lane Construction Facility on October 7, 2015 at 6:00PM as scheduled and was very successful.
- b. Ms. Mark reported that Friends were successful in their bid for a grant proposal to bring artist, teacher, writer David Dunlop of Wilton, Connecticut to Cheshire on February 27-28, 2016 as part of the John Frederick Kensett 200th Birthday Celebration.





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11. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Ms. Townes recommended that Ms. Veiga be nominated as vice chair for the interim.

A motion was made by Ms. Townes to “place Jill Veiga’s name into nomination for the position of Vice Chair to fill the position made empty due to a resignation.”

Seconded by Ms. Torok, the motion passed.

Election will be held at the November meeting.

- b. Ms. Pilarczyk read out the draft proposal for a three year strategic plan and members of the committee remarked upon the verbiage. Comments were noted and will be written into a new finalized document.
- c. Two new tent covers will be purchased by Ms. Mark, to replace the damaged ones.

12. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Ms. Lodynsky asked whether the committee wanted to continue the tradition of asking the public for donations of art supplies that are then given to Cheshire Human Services, who distributes them to Cheshire students in need. The members voted to continue the tradition, including the decorating of a tree under which donors can place the supplies.
- b. Ms. Lodynsky asked members whether they want to continue the tradition of collecting pajamas and books for the eponymous program. The members voted yes and the collection box will be available in room number three until December 9, 2015.
- c. Ms. Lodynsky mentioned the yearly donation of cans and or checks for the Cheshire Food Bank. Members want to continue the tradition and voted yes. Two members noted that this year toiletries and diapers and women’s hygiene products would be very helpful as well.
- g. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at 7:00PM at Artsplace.

13. ADJOURNMENT

*Ms. Townes made a motion to adjourn; Ms. Karklel seconded the Motion.
Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:39 P.M.*

Respectfully submitted by,

Agnes Wnuk

