



CHESHIRE PERFORMING FINE ARTS COMMITTEE

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CHESHIRE PERFORMING AND FINE ARTS COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, November 17, 2015, 7:30 PM

Artsplace

1220 Waterbury Road

Cheshire, CT 06410

Committee Members Present: Ophelia Frazier, Leslie Hutchison, Donna Lodynsky, Denise Lohr, Donna Myjak, 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)
Patti Flynn-Harris (Representative, Cheshire Town Council)

Absent: Joyce Karklel, 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 7:35 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. WELCOME REMARKS - Donna Lodynsky, Chairperson.

Ms. Lodynsky welcomed committee members to the monthly meeting. She had the pleasure of welcoming Ms. Hutchison as a full committee member.

4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION – No Public Communications.

5. APPROVAL of October 20, 2015 Minutes

Ms. Lohr made a motion to accept the October 20, 2015 minutes, Ms. Hutchison seconded, and the motion passed.

6. TREASURER’S REPORT – Ophelia Frazier

- a. Ms. Frazier noted that the budget continues on target for the year. A correction of the Friends Escrow Account was noted.

A motion was made by Ms. Veiga to accept the Treasurer’s Report, seconded by Ms. Torok. The Motion Passed.





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7. SECRETARY'S REPORT – Donna Myjak

- a. Ms. Myjak wrote to the Cecchetti Ballet to thank them for donating costumes to the organization.
- b. Ms. Myjak mentioned the generous donation of \$100.00 from the family of Sean Speliades and read out loud the accompanying card.

8. LIBRARY DIRECTOR REPORT – Ramona Burkey

- a. Ms. Burkey mentioned the scheduled Indian Cultural activities scheduled at the library.
- b. From December 6th to the 12th, 2015 the Library will offer "Fine Amnesty Week".
- c. There is a fundraiser planned where money can be donated in someone's name, great opportunity for the holidays.

9. ARTSPLACE REPORT – Joan Pilarczyk

- a. There are currently 334 students taking classes in the Fall semester.
- b. The "Kensett Birthday Banner Contest" applications are being accepted at Artsplace from November 18, 2015 until February 3, 2016. All ages can participate in the contest. Information is available at Artsplace.
- c. The awnings are scheduled for replacement.
- d. November Election Day was held at Artsplace again this year with set up initiated on the preceding Monday.
- e. Artsplace will be taking part in the *Cheshire Public Library* Indian Cultural activities.
 1. February 16, 2016 – from 4-6pm, for grades 1-6, Free Puppet Making Event.
 2. March 24, 2016 – from 4-6pm, Rangoli Event at the Cheshire Public Library.
 3. March 30, 2016 – 4-6pm Free "Kites of India" Event held at Artsplace.
- f. Ms. Riccio will be at Artsplace with a workshop called "Earthworm Art", using Pina's Giving Garden.
- g. Pina's Giving Garden will be enlarged with two extra raised beds in the Spring of 2016.
- h. The Cheshire Chamber of Commerce will hold an "After Hours" Event at Artsplace on January 5th, 2016, from 5-7pm. The topic will be the Kensett Birthday Celebration.

10. FRIENDS OF CPFA/ARTSPLACE, INC. REPORT – Donna Mark

- a. The Author Event in was very successful, as reported by Ms. Mark, with many thanks to the committee for their assistance.
- b. Friends were awarded a grant to bring David Dunlop to Artsplace as part of the Kensett Birthday celebration.
- c. Friends will fund an insert in the Cheshire Citizen detailing all the Kensett Birthday events.





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11. OLD BUSINESS

- a. January 9, 2016, from 9am to 2pm, Artsplace will be accepting musical instruments that will be donated to the Waterbury Symphony to be loaned to children taking music lessons.
- b. There was a vote for the Vice-Chair position. Ms. Jill Veiga was nominated.

Ms. Torok made the motion to nominate Ms. Veiga, Ms. Myjak seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

- c. Ms. Pilarczyk attended the November Town Council Meeting to introduce the Kensett Birthday Project. The mini-Kensett doll attended as well. Photos of the event are available on the “Kensett Birthday” Facebook page.
- d. The Giving Tree, Pajama Program and Food Bank Collections continue at Artsplace.
- e. CPFA/Artsplace Scholarship applications are due on March 18th, and the results are due on March 24, 2016. Qualifications include students studying the performing and fine arts and only up to two letters of recommendation will be required.

12. NEW BUSINESS

- a. These are the meeting dates for 2016-2017.

January 19, 2016	April 19, 2016	July 19, 2016	November 15, 2016
February 16, 2016	May 17, 2016	September 20, 2016	December 6, 2016
March 8, 2016	June 21, 2016	October 18, 2016	January 17, 2017
- b. Ms. Patti Flynn-Harris recommended the Artists’ Open Studios of Northeast CT, on November 27, 2015 to members and to the public.
- c. Ms. Lodynsky recommended the Wesleyan Potters 60th Exhibit and Sale, held Friday November 26, 2015.
- d. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 8, 2015 at Artsplace at 6:00PM.

13. ADJOURNMENT

*Ms. Myjak made a motion to adjourn; Ms. Frazier seconded the Motion.
Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.*

Respectfully submitted by
Agnes Wnuk

