



## CHESHIRE PERFORMING FINE ARTS COMMITTEE

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### CHESHIRE PERFORMING AND FINE ARTS COMMITTEE MEETING

**Tuesday, May 17, 2016, 7:00 PM**

**Artsplace**

**1220 Waterbury Road**

**Cheshire, CT 06410**

**Committee Members Present:** Monique D'Onofrio, Ophelia Frazier, Leslie Hutchison,  
Donna Lodynsky, Denise Lohr, 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)  
Joyce Karklel, committee member  
Donna Myjak, committee member  
Youchung Torok, 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 7:10 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. WELCOME REMARKS** - Donna Lodynsky, Chairperson.

Ms. Lodynsky welcomed committee members to the monthly meeting

**4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION** – No public communications.

**5. APPROVAL of April 19, 2016 Minutes**

#9.d Ms. Pilarczyk will be chair of the Arts and Culture Collaborative.

*Ms. Hutchison made a motion to accept the April minutes with correction, Ms. Veiga seconded, and the motion passed with one abstention.*

**6. TREASURER'S REPORT – Ms. Ophelia Frazier**

a. Ms. Frazier noted that the budget continues to be on target for the year.

*A motion was made by Ms. Hutchison to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Ms. Lohr. The Motion Passed.*





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

- a. A thank you card from the Cheshire Art League for the donation from Artsplace was received.

### 8. LIBRARY DIRECTOR REPORT – Ramona Burkey

- a. The summer Reading Program “Mark, Get Set, Read” for children and adults will have its kick-off at Artsplace on June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00PM. The Finale in August will be held at the Town Pool and will include Food Trucks.
- b. Strategic Plan is being finalized and concentrates on going out into the community.
- c. Library fines are being reorganized at the Library.

### 9. ARTSPLACE REPORT – Joan Pilarczyk

- a. Ms. Pilarczyk and Ms. Piedescalzo attended a Marketing Meeting at the Cheshire Public Library.
- b. Spring Semester – 292 total in students.
- c. Summer Session – Registrations are coming in. Camps have extensions this year.
- d. The shed will be beautified for plein air opportunities.
- e. RecTrac will be updated this summer.
- f. “Pina’s Giving Garden” will be expanded and needs Spring work.
- g. Ms. Betsy Fox has asked whether the committee members might accept the miniature John Kensett doll for safe keeping at Artsplace. The Committee whole heartedly agreed to accept and house Mini Kensett at Artsplace.

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

- a. Publicity for the 2016 Author Night will be produced on July 15<sup>th</sup> and tickets will be on sale on the afternoon of July 19<sup>th</sup>.
- b. Ms. Mark will be applying for a grant to apply towards the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Artsplace celebration.

### 11. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Ms. Pilarczyk asked for volunteers among the committee members to review the Artsplace Strategic Plan. Ms. Townes and Ms. Lodynsky were among those that agreed to assist.
- b. Ms. Lodynsky mentioned the 2016 Scholarship winners: Ms. Renee Donna received the \$750.00 award and Ms. Rachel Kozak received the \$250.00 award.

### 14. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Ms. Burkey introduced a change request to the Town ordinance regarding alcohol at special functions held at the Cheshire Public Library and at Artsplace.





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*Motion: Ms. Hutchison moved to support the permission for the Cheshire Library and Artsplace to have the opportunity to serve alcohol at selective events. Seconded by Ms. Frazier. The motion passed.*

- b. Ms. Hutchison mentioned that there is a pond and pier at the new section of Rails to Trails, and proposed that it would make a perfect place for *plein air* painting.
- c. Ms. Burkey mentioned Nelson Hall, at Elim Park and all the improvements and events that are forthcoming.
- d. Ms. Pilarczyk thanked everyone for their help on the Kensett 200th birthday celebration. Denise Lohr will write thank you notes on special Kensett stationery donated by Mrs. Mary Hyson, to community committee members of the Kensett Celebration group. Ms. Pilarczyk mentioned that the new project will be creating an "I Color Cheshire" Coloring Book.
- e. Next CPFA Meeting at Artsplace on Tuesday, June 21, 2016, at 7:00.

### 15. ADJOURNMENT

*Ms. Lohr made a motion to adjourn; Ms. Townes seconded the Motion.  
Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:14 P.M.*

Respectfully submitted by

Agnes Wnuk

