CHESHIRE PERFORMING AND FINE ARTS COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, June 15, 2010, 7:30 PM
Artsplace
1220 Waterbury Road
Cheshire, CT 06410

Committee Members Present: Nancy Burt, Nancy Bussmann, Roxolana Gordon, Ophelia Frazier, Donna Lodynsky, Donna Myjak, Jackie Townes

Committee Members Absent: Bob Averack, Denise Lohr

Others Present: Joan Pilarczyk (Artsplace Director), Sandy Petela (Deputy Director, Parks & Rec.)
Kristy Chambrelli (Theater Coordinator)

1. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM  A quorum was present for this meeting.

2. CALL TO ORDER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG
   Chairwoman Lodynsky called the meeting to order at 7:40PM with a Pledge of Allegiance.

3. WELCOME AND REMARKS – Donna Lodynsky, chair

4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS – Mrs. Lodynsky noted that Mr. Mark Bemis a parent very active in the theatre group passed away and will be missed by the entire theatre family.

5. APPROVAL OF May 11, 2010 MINUTES
   Ms.Townes made a motion to accept minutes from May 11, 2010 meeting, seconded by Ms.Bussmann. Motion passed.

6. THEATRE CLASS - Kristy Chambrelli
   Fall classes planned will include a “Glee” type class, “Advanced Acting”, “Theatre Make-up”, “Theatre Dance”. Classes are tentatively scheduled to take place Tuesday and Thursday at Artsplace from 4:00-9:00PM and Monday at Highland School from 6:15-7:30PM.

7. TREASURER’S REPORT – Ophelia Frazier
   Ms. Frazier noted that there was no change from the previous month and that the group is on track for the year. The advertising budget can be used to buy a new sign for the front of the building.
   Ms. Burt made motion to approve treasurer’s report, seconded by Ms.Gordon. Motion Passed.
8. SECRETARY’S REPORT – Nancy Burt

The secretary mentioned the correspondence received: Ms. Kelly Lenz, Cheshire High School Coordinator of School and Community Relations wrote to thank Ms. Joan Pilarczyk for taking part in the April Career Day at the high school. There were thank you cards received from Mr. Lhor and from Ms. Wnuk for the commemorative photos they received for their involvement in the portrait of John Frederick Kensett currently hanging in the Cheshire Town Hall. There was a thank you card from Ms. Becky Rice for the receipt of the 2010 Scholarship. The Secretary also noted that she will send sympathy cards to the family of Mr. Richard Conrad and Mr. Mark Bemis.

9. ARTSPLACE REPORT – Joan Pilarczyk

a. Open House – Took place on June 6, 2010 from 2:00-4:00PM. Thanks to Nancy Burt for her assistance. Jocelyn Pugh showcased the activities to be done at the “International Art Camp” this summer. Rita Caldwell demonstrated a Color Pencil Activity, Robin McCahill demonstrated needle felting.

b. Kensett Update – Photographs will be taken of local youth in period costume as base for drawings for the Kensett book. Updates are forthcoming

c. Interns – Alyssa Timpson – will be working on publicity, the History of Art Mural and the Book of Knowledge on display in the front room.

- Gina Caldwell – will work on grant for work study, the Kensett book, Mark Leary sculpture program and promotion of Art Heals

d. Request for funds – for colored pencils.

e. Work/study program for adaptive program – It was suggested that local clubs be approached to sponsor the program and for artwork produced to be sold at local storefronts.

10. FRIENDS of CPFA/Artsplace – Joan Pilarczyk in place of Elizabeth Cressy

a. The 8th Annual 2010 Author Event on Wednesday, October 6th at 6:00PM at Artsplace.

b. The flower boxes and pots at Artsplace were filled with flowers in May.

c. A new “Art Heals” client has been signed.

11. THEATRE SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT – Donna Lodynsky

a. Complimentary tickets - have been distributed

b. Posters – have been printed and distributed for placement in area businesses, etc.

c. Memorial Day Parade – members of the cast and parents took part in annual parade.

   Many thanks to “Lyon & Billard Lumber Company” of Cheshire for their donation of a truck and driver to transport the theatre cast for the parade.

d. Auditions – Thanks to those who helped with the auditions. 80% of cast are from Cheshire

e. Ticket forms – ticket forms will be used this year to help facilitate selling tickets in line.
f. Dice necklaces – Ms. Gordon is creating dice necklaces for the performance. 
Motion made by Ms Gordon to administer funds of $200.00 from the Escrow Account for the purpose of theatre concessions this summer during theatrical performances. Motion seconded by Ms. Bussmann. Motion passed.

12. OLD BUSINESS 
a. Pina Gentry Jaroslow Scholarship – One person has applied for the 2010 scholarship. Members mentioned that it might be beneficial to change the essay question next year.

13. NEW BUSINESS 
a. Discussion of celebrating Richard Conrads contributions to CPFA – the committee would like to celebrate the life and contributions of Richard Conrad who was instrumental in founding Artsplace and contributed greatly to the theatre program. Members suggested several possibilities of scholarships, naming
b. Scholarship Recipient – Becky Rice, the 2010 scholarship recipient and her family have been invited to a play performance to receive the oversize check representing the prize.

14. ADJOURNMENT  
Ms. Bussmann made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Ms Burt.
The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:
Agnes Wnuk