CHESHIRE PERFORMING AND FINE ARTS COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, July 13, 2010, 7:30 PM  
Artsplace  
1220 Waterbury Road  
Cheshire, CT 06410

Committee Members Present: Bob Averack, Nancy Burt, Nancy Bussmann, Marta Farb, Roxsolana Gordon, Donna Lodynsky, Denise Lohr, Donna Myjak, Jackie Townes  
Committee Members Absent: Ophelia Frazier  
Others Present: Joan Pilarczyk (Artsplace Director), Sandy Petela (Deputy Director, Parks & Rec.) Kristy Chambrelli (Theater Coordinator), Pam Averack (CYT Producer)

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 – No public communications.

5. APPROVAL OF June 15, 2010 MINUTES  
Dependant upon the following corrections:  
a. page 1 : the name of Ms. Roxsolana Gordon was spelled incorrectly.  
b. page 2 : the name of Ms. Denise Lohr was spelled incorrectly.  
c. page 2 : section d of number 11 should read 80% of Comedy 101 cast are from Cheshire.  
d. page 3 : the name Richard Conrad’s should have included an apostrophe.  
e. page 3 : the word contribution was spelled incorrectly.  
f. page 3 : the second sentence of section a under number 13 should read “Members suggested. several possibilities of renaming the annual arts award the Richard Conrad memorial art award. Discussion followed.  
g. page 3 : the word Adjournment was spelled incorrectly.

Ms. Bussmann made a motion to accept the minutes from the June 15, 2010 meeting, seconded by Ms. Burt. Mr. Averack and Ms. Farb abstained. Motion passed unanimously by those not abstaining.
6. THEATRE CLASS - Kristy Chambrelli
Fall classes slated include two classes held in Highland School “Acting for TV and Film” with Angela DellaCamera-Rivera and “Advanced Acting Workshop” with Mark Hamilton. Classes held at Artsplace include two with Regina Marshall “Introduction to Acting” and “Acting Workshop”, one with Kyle Pasciutti “Intro. To Technical Theatre”, two with Beth Lorenzo “Disney Musical Theatre Workshop” and “Musical Theatre Scene Study”, and one with Jarrod Ratcliffe titled “GLEE (a cappella workshop)”. Classes run 8 weeks from September 27.

7. TREASURER’S REPORT – Jackie Townes for Ophelia Frazier
a. Ms. Townes noted that 95% of the 2010 budget had been used. The funds from the advertising budget had been used to buy a new sign for Artsplace as noted in June meeting.
b. The Parks and Recreation brochure will no longer be printed and mailed in town so that those monies will be available for other advertising needs.

Ms. Gordon made a motion to approve the treasurer’s report, seconded by Ms. Myjak. Motion passed unanimously.

8. SECRETARY’S REPORT – Nancy Burt
a. Ms. Burt mentioned the correspondence received: Ms. Elaine Quicquaro, Cheshire High School Transition Specialist, wrote to thank Ms. Pilarczyk for the positive experience Cheshire High School students had at their class at Artsplace.
b. A thank you card was received from Ms. Cressy for the commemorative photo she received for her involvement in the portrait of John Frederick Kensett.

9. ARTSPLACE REPORT – Joan Pilarczyk
a. Summer Classes – There are 136 students signed up for 20 classes, workshops and art camps running between July 6 and August 7.
b. Office Hours – Artsplace office is closed from Monday August 9 to Friday August 20.
c. Kensett Update – Ms. Pilarczyk is working on a letter of intent and a grant for the Kensett booklet to be submitted to the Connecticut Community Foundation. She is requesting authorization from the Town Council to apply for this grant; this item will appear on the August Town Council Agenda. Ms. Donna Mark is creating costumes appropriate for a 3rd grade boy of 1825 such as Kensett may have worn. An Artsplace student has consented to act as model for the photography needed for the drawings for the booklet.
d. Interns – Alyssa Timpson is working on publicity, the History of Art Mural and the Book of Knowledge on display in the lobby of Artsplace.
   - Gina Caldwell is working on grant for work study, the Kensett book, Mark Leary sculpture program and promotion of Art Heals
e. Volunteer coordinator – there is a call for one CPFA member to take on the role of volunteer coordinator. Member Marta Farb volunteered for the position. It was suggested that volunteers could work on advertising Artsplace through “YouTube” videos of classes and press releases. Kappa Alpha Theta volunteers from Quinnipiac are looking to contribute more time to Artsplace in the near future.
e. Pina Jaroslow Scholarship winner – Jordan Tsao chose the Fantasy Art Camp as his prize. A photo will be taken next week of Jordan with Pina’s daughter Jenna.

10. FRIENDS of CPFA/Artsplace – Joan Pilarczyk for Elizabeth Cressy
   a. Presale Tickets for member of the Friends organization for the 8th Annual 2010 Author Event to be held on Wednesday, October 6 at 6:00PM at Artsplace will be available for sale at Artsplace at 6:00PM on Monday, July 26.
b. The “Art Heals” client has completed a painting which has been framed by Barbara’s Gallery in Cheshire.

11. THEATRE SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT – Bob Averack
   a. 861 total attendance for Comedy 101 performance of “Footloose”.
b. Thanks to all members who helped with performances at tickets and concessions.
c. Final rehearsals starting Saturday for “Guys and Dolls” performance Thursday-Saturday. July 22 to 24.
d. Post-play picnic to be held at a park in Cheshire on Sunday July 25.
e. Theatre Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 3 at 7:00PM at Artsplace.
f. Two post play subcommittee meetings are scheduled for August 9 and August 11 at 7:00 at Artsplace.
g. The 2011 season will begin with a preliminary preproduction meeting in September.

12. OLD BUSINESS
    A motion was made by Ms. Townes to rename “The Cheshire Performing and Fine Arts Committee Annual Arts Award” to now be known officially as “The Richard Conrad Memorial Arts Award”. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bussmann. The motion passed unanimously.

13. NEW BUSINESS
    a. The $200 startup fund from the Friends of CPFA/Artsplace Escrow Account used for concessions at the LOL play as per the June 15 meeting motion was returned to the said Escrow Account.
b. Next Meeting – Tuesday, August 17, 2010, at 7:30 at Artsplace.

14. ADJOURNMENT
Ms. Burt made a motion to adjourn; Motion was seconded by Ms Lohr. Motion pass unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:
Agnes Wnuk