CHESHIRE PERFORMING AND FINE ARTS COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY, February 9, 2010, 7:30 PM, AT
ARTSPLACE
1220 Waterbury Road
Cheshire, CT 06410

Committee Members Present: Bob Averack, Nancy Burt, Ophelia Frazier, Roxsolana Gordon, Donna Lodynsky, Denise Lohr, Hilary Rutberg, Jackie Townes

Committee Members Absent: Pat Pfurr

Others Present:
Joan Pilarczyk, Artsplace Director, Sandy Petela, Deputy Director, Park & Rec, Kristy Chambrelli, Parks & Rec.

Others Absent: Beth Cressy, President, Friends of CPFA

I. CALL TO ORDER - Chairwoman Lodynsky called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

II. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM - A quorum was present for this meeting.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - January 19, 2010 – Regular Meeting

MOTION by Hilary Rutberg to accept the minutes of the January 19, 2010 regular meeting with the corrections noted below; SECONDED by Jackie Townes.

Corrections to the January 19, 2010:

Page 1, item 1, should read Bob Averack, without any time mentioned.

V. TREASURER’S REPORT – Ophelia Frazier
Ms Frazier reported that she is developing a new spreadsheet and that there are enough funds for this year’s scholarship.

MOTION by Hilary Rutberg to deposit $127.84 to Amphitheatre Fund from Summer Concessions from Gift Account; SECONDED by Jackie Townes.

MOTION by Nancy Burt to accept the Treasurer’s Report; SECONDED by Denise Lohr.

VI. SECRETARY’S REPORT – Roxsolana Gordon
Ms. Gordon reported that Artsplace has been recognized by the Cheshire Town Beautification Committee as one of several places to receive an award on March 3rd, 2010. Several committee members will attend the ceremony.

VII. ARTSPLACE REPORT – Joan Pilarczyk

A. Winter Class Session Report
B. Interns – Rebecca Rice from Cheshire High School will have 80 internship hours. Gina Caldwell from Fairfield University will begin her summer internship in May.
C. Clothesline Art Show – Winter art show to be held on Saturday, February 27th from 3:00 to 5:00
D. Art Challenge – Ms. Pilarczyk asked for volunteers for different positions.
E. Artsplace is closed for Winter break between February 12th and 20th.
F. Spring Session begins April 10th. Schedules are in production and will be available to the public in the Parks and Rec. Spring brochure and at Artsplace.
G. Article about Artsday is currently in the “Natural Awakings” publication.
H. Ms. Pilarczyk proposed to the Town Manager that a professional workshop for town employees be held at Artsplace this year. She likewise noted that Artsplace is only .001 of the overall Town Budget.

VIII. THEATRE COORDINATOR REPORT – Kristy Chambrelli

Ms. Chambrelli reported that two classes ran in the winter session and invited members to attend the final class to view Winter Performance finales.

IX. THEATRE REPORT – Bob Averack

A. CYT Production 2010
B. LOL Production 2010

Mr. Averack reported that the rights to “Footloose” and “Guys and Dolls” had been acquired for the 2010 summer theatre productions. All leadership positions have been filled except for costumer. Pam Averack will serve as producer. Meeting with Cheshire High School Thorpe Theater manager, Parks and Rec. director, was productive in laying groundwork for summer productions. The next production meeting is scheduled for February 10, 2010 at 7:00PM.

X. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Artsday - Donna Lodynsky, Denise Lohr – Fifteen artists have been secured for Artsday. There will be 16 tables with the last table for Art Challenge kit sales. Members were provided with a schedule and work necessary for the day.
B. Arts challenge – 80 children’s kits will be available for sale at Artsplace and at Artsday. Artsday will be last day to purchase kits. Artwork will be brought directly to Cheshire Public Library. Members were provided with a timeline for the 2010 Art Challenge.
MOTION by Roxsolana Gordon that proceeds from the 2010 Art Challenge shall be applied toward the purchase of the CPFA Kensett Banner that shall hang on the exterior of Artsplace; SECONDED by Bob Averack.

C. Scholarship – A new handout describing the summer scholarship will be made available for the public at Artsday. The scholarship will be available April 1st.
D. Vacuum Cleaner Purchase – Friends of CPFA kindly purchased a new vacuum cleaner for Artsplace. Many thanks were given to the “Friends” for their generosity in providing necessities.

XI. NEW BUSINESS:
A. CPFA Annual Scholarship – The due date for applications is set for March 24, 2010. April 22, 2010 will be the date that a recipient will be contacted.
B. Conflict of Interest – Members were provided with a handout concerning “Conflict of Interest” and time was allowed for questions.
C. Nominating Committee - Hilary Rutberg will perform the duties of the nominating committee for 2010. Roxsolana Gordon will give Ms. Rutberg’s report at the April meeting due to her anticipated absence. Nominations will be voted upon at this meeting.
D. The next meeting is scheduled for 7:30PM Tuesday, March 9th.

XII. ADJOURNMENT
MOTION by Jackie Townes to adjourn the meeting at 845; SECONDED by Hilary Rutberg.

Opposed – none
The motion passes.

Respectfully submitted:
Agnes Wnuk