

CHESHIRE PERFORMING AND FINE ARTS COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, December 9, 2025, 6:30 PM

Artsplace
493 West Main Street
Cheshire, CT 06410

Roll: Jane Bate, Kristy Endriss, Susan Fenaughty, Katie Giampietro, Joyce Karklel, Donna Lodynsky, Denise Lohr, Donna Myjak, Ilona Somogyi, Youchung Torok

Committee Members Present: Kristy Endriss, Susan Fenaughty, Joyce Karklel, Donna Lodynsky, Denise Lohr, Donna Myjak, Ilona Somogyi, Youchung Torok

Others Present:

Joan Pilarczyk (Director, Artsplace)
Donna Mark (President, Friends of CPFA/Artsplace, Inc.)
Robin McCahill
Karen Piedescalzo
Jill Veiga

Absent:

Jane Bate (CPFA Committee member)
Katie Giampietro (CPFA Committee member)
John Gawlak (Director Cheshire Parks and Recreation)
Greg Wolff (Cheshire Town Council Liaison: Cheshire Performing and Fine Arts Committee)

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 6:22 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. WELCOME REMARKS – Ms. Lodynsky welcomed members.
4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS – No public communications.
5. APPROVAL of November 18, 2025 Minutes
 1. The date of the November minutes should read November 18, 2025

Ms. Myjak made a motion to accept the minutes, Ms. Torok seconded the motion. The motion passed with one abstention of Ms. Karklel.

6. Treasurer's Report: Donna Myjak

- a. Ms. Myjak reported that 48.6% of the budget has been used and is on target.

All the members were in favor of accepting the report, with none opposed.

7. Secretary's Report: Denise Lohr

- a. Ms. Lohr reminded members to bring items for Cheshire Town Human Services.
- b. Ms. Lodynsky noted a request from Cheshire High School All Night Graduation Party.

8. Friends of CPFA Report: Donna Mark

- a. Ms. Mark reported that the Mahjong tournament achieved \$7621.61, of which \$3810.81 was deposited into the Escrow account.
- b. Ms. Mark mentioned that there will be four meetings a year going forward and only three officers, Ms. Mark, Ms. Sandy Petela and Ms. Naty Carter.

9. Parks and Recreation Report: John Gawlak

- a. No report.

10. Artsplace Report: Joan Pilarczyk

- a. Ms. Pilarczyk reported that she had a meeting with Ms. Sandy Hernandez at the Cheshire Public Library to hold CPFA meetings at the library going forward.
- b. Winter Wonderland update: The pomanders were very popular, among adults and children. The remainder of oranges will be donated to the Food Pantry. Perhaps next year the same craft can be made for Town Hall.
- c. The Pajama Program is continuing until December 15th. So far 120 pajamas have been collected.
- d. Ms. Pilarczyk and Ms. Lodynsky visited the Whitney Center and described the art exhibition. Ms. Karklel explained the history of the center.
- e. Ms. Somogyi described this year's Holiday @ the Factory event, taking place Sunday, December 14th. There is a new exhibition of photographs of Ball & socket buildings before and after by Tom Hearn and auction items. There will be an ice sculptor, food trucks, an art truck and vendors.

11. Old business

- a. Artsday Report: Ms. Endriss mentioned that the deadline for artist applications is mid-January. Ms. Deb Carter will be one of the artists. There will be a room for younger children's activities and a musical component. Ms. Endriss asked members to collect boxes, that will be wrapped and prepared for children to build with. Tubs will be needed for puppets.

12. New Business

- a. Ms. Pilarczyk mentioned the 250th Anniversary Celebration directed in Cheshire by Town Historian Diane Calabro. More information will be forthcoming. Ms. Calabro will be at Artsplace during the Ball & Socket event on Sunday, December 14th, where she will be showing examples of the project.
- b. The next CPFA meeting will take place at the Cheshire Public Library on January 20, 2026.

*Motion was made by Ms. Torok to close the meeting and seconded by Ms. Karklel.
The meeting ended at 6:55 pm.*

Respectfully submitted by A.Wnuk