

CHESHIRE PERFORMING AND FINE ARTS COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, March 10, 2026, 6:15 PM

Cheshire Public Library

104 Main Street

Cheshire, CT 06410

Roll: 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, Katie Giampietro, Joyce Karklel, Donna Lodynsky, Donna Myjak, Ilona Somogyi, Youchung Torok

Others Present:

Joan Pilarczyk (Director, Artsplace)

Lynne Gannon (Cheshire Town Players)

Jane Leukart

Karen Piedescalzo (Artsplace)

Absent:

Denise Lohr (CPFA Committee member)

John Gawlak (Director Cheshire Parks and Recreation)

Donna Mark (President, Friends of CPFA/Artsplace, Inc.)

Greg Wolff (Cheshire Town Council Liaison: Cheshire Performing and Fine Arts Committee)

Jill Veiga

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 6:25 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. WELCOME REMARKS – Ms. Lodynsky welcomed members.
4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS none
5. Approval of February 10, 2025 Meeting Minutes

*Ms. Karklel made a motion to accept the minutes, Ms. Fenaughty seconded the motion. There were three abstentions.*

**6. Treasurer's Report:** Donna Myjak

- a. Ms. Myjak read out that 68% of the budget has been used and is on target.

*Ms. Torok made a motion to accept the report, with Ms. Endriss seconding.*

**7. Secretary's Report:** Youe Torok for Denise Lohr

- a. Ms. Torok read out a thank you card from the Klingberg Family Center, for the donation of pajamas and books.
- b. There was a thank you card from the entire team and the children of the CAC Clinical Team, from the Klingberg Family Center.

- c. A third thank you card was from Marcie and Deb, also from the Klingberg Family Center.
- d. Cheshire Art League, sent a letter asking for sponsors for the annual show at the Cheshire Public Library. This will be discussed under New Business.

**8. Friends of CPFA Report:** Donna Mark

- a. No Report

**9. Parks and Recreation Report:** John Gawlak

- a. No report.

**10. Artsplace Report:** Joan Pilarczyk

- a. Mrs. Pilarczyk handed out a new contact sheet for members to verify information.
- b. The member renewal dates are for two-year terms, Ms. Lohr and Ms. Endriss are up for renewal. Jane Leukart and Jill Veiga are associates until they are officially accepted.
- c. Adult Spring classes began, as well as children's classes.
- d. Artsplace will be taking part in the Home and Garden Show on March 28<sup>th</sup> and there is a need for member volunteers for morning or afternoon sessions. Artsplace will provide temporary art tattoos and stickers for children.
- e. Emily Lennon will be in charge of this year's "chalk it up" event at Bartlem Park.
- f. Artsplace Summer Camp registrations began March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**11. Old business**

- a. ARTSDAY: Ms. Endriss mentioned that 61 children have registered for the morning session and 58 for the afternoon session. There are 7 teen volunteers for morning and afternoon, and 11 artists are participating.

Volunteers and teachers are asked to come at 9:00 am to set up. The event takes place from 10:00 am until noon, with a lunch break between noon and 1:00 pm. The afternoon session will be from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Ms. Myjak and Ms. Lohr will do check in for registered participants and will set up a lunch of pizza, salad, cookies, fruit and cake for the teachers and volunteers.

Volunteer certificates will be signed on the day.

Donna Lodynsky asked whether the Cheshire Boy Scouts had been contacted to help with traffic. They have not been contacted as yet.

Katie Gianpietro mentioned that music rain sticks will be made, using tubes donated by Barker Specialty. There will be foil and rice put inside to make the sound of a rain-stick. Children will then decorate the outside.

Ms. Somogyi showed the printed bags that will be given to participants to hold their completed items. She also recommended that next year a logo contest be conducted for the following year's logo. The audience at the event or a jury can vote for the winner.

- b. Ms. Lodynsky reported that the next exhibit at the Cheshire Public Library will be the artwork of Mally DeSomma's art classes.

**12. New Business**

- a. Ms. Myjak mentioned that the scholarship deadline for applications to sponsors is March 13. The subcommittee will then meet to review the applications and report back to the full committee.

b. Ms. Torok brought up the Cheshire Art League letter asking for sponsorships of this year's exhibition held at the Cheshire Public Library in May.

*Motion made by Ms. Endriss and seconded by Ms. Myjak, for donating a gift certificate, and all were in favor. The motion passed.*

c. Ms. Lynn Gannon mentioned the upcoming Arts Festival on April 23-24 upstairs at ReRead Books. Local artists contributed art. There will also be poetry performances, and four short plays by local playwrights performed. Avanti Grill will be the food vendor. There is a flyer available detailing the event.

Ms. Gannon also asked about the Bartlem Park band shell's lights and sound. "Power Station" is the company that the Town has hired.

Ms. Gannon mentioned that Shakespeare in the Park will be the play *Twelfth Night* in August. Also, there will be a *Cabarete Night* in May.

d. Ms. Somogyi mentioned that the *Artcade* mural will be changed on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. This new one will be by artist Don Carter. It will include graphic style birds and desserts. It is inspired by the native birds on the Rails to Trails area. Bird walks with bird experts, and arts and crafts activities are being discussed as well.

e. Ms. Karen Piedescalzo showed the members the floorplan for the upcoming ARTSDAY.

Ms. Leukart will printout an 8x10 sign for the donation lockbox.

f. The next CPFA meeting will take place at 6:15 at Cheshire Public Library on April 21, 2026.

*Motion was made by Ms. Torok to close the meeting and seconded by Ms. Fenaughty. The meeting ended at 7:30 pm.*

Respectfully submitted by A.Wnuk