



**TOWN OF EAST HARTFORD  
FINE ARTS COMMISSION  
50 Chapman Place  
EHCCC  
East Hartford, CT 06108  
MINUTES  
Meeting of February 11, 2016**

Chair Prescille Yamamoto called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m

**I. ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** Terrye Blackstone, Joan Coates, Glynis McKenzie, Judy Okeson, Betty Russell, Dan Russell, and Prescille Yamamoto.

**ABSENT:** Janette Rosa, Susan Tukey, and Rebecca LaCrosse. Those excused: Karen Howe, Regina Barall, Florence Schroeter, and Maureen Rodgers.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Motion By:** Betty Russell moved to approve the January 11, 2016 minutes.

**Seconded By:** Terrye Blackstone.

**Discussion:** Judy Okeson requested a correction under Willowbrook: start date should read "restart date." Also, she requested a correction, under Member's Concerns, last paragraph to read: "She suggested that a narrative annual report be rewritten."

**Motion By:** Glynis McKenzie moved to accept the minutes as amended.

**Seconded By:** Joan Coates

**All in Favor:** Motion Carried

**III. CHAIR'S REPORT:** No report.

**IV. CORRESPONDENCE:** No report.

**V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Dance:** No report.

**EHSYF:** Joan Coates and Glynis McKenzie reported they are taking orders for the EHSYF fundraiser -Roma's Pasta Sauce at \$6.50 per jar.

Glynis McKenzie reported that the Middle School will not be available due to renovations. They are waiting to hear back from the Board of Education on the High School availability.

**Film Fest:** Glynis McKenzie reported that the program will not come together this year.

**Film Series:** Glynis McKenzie reminded the Commissioners the next film scheduled is "The 100 Year Old Man Who Climbed Out a Window and Disappeared" on February 13, 2016.

**Library Program:** No report.

**Mini-Grants:** Betty Russell commented that she is working on getting the Mini-Grant's schedule from Laura White.

**Music:** No report.

**Poet Laureate:** No report.

**Sounds of Summer:** No report.

**Willowbrook:** No report.

**Art:** Terrye Blackstone commented that she is working on a project for March.

Terrye also mentioned that the Raymond Library has a large catalog of the Purchase Awards winners from the Art League's annual Art Festival. The Purchase Awards started in 1967; 1989 and 1993 were the only years the Art Festival was cancelled due to the weather. There are approximately 45 to 48 photos of the Purchase Award winners documented in photo albums kept at the Library.

**Black History:** The Black History program will be held at EHCCC on February 27, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Betty Russell commented that the Gazette had information on a February 20, 2016 program that Youth Services is presenting for Black History Month.

**Budget:** No report.

**Drama/Lector/Poetry:** No report.

**VI. OLD BUSINESS:** No report.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS:** Glynis McKenzie is looking into connecting with Allan Ballinger of Goodwin College to discuss Commission involvement in the College's Humanities Festival in the fall.

**VIII. APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

\$ 80.00 - Judith Beeman (Clerk's Fee)  
\$ 50.00 - Tim McLaughlin (Film Series Screening February 13, 2016)

**Motion:** Dan Russell moved to pay the bills as read

**Second:** Glynis McKenzie

**All in Favor:** Motion carried

**IX. MEMBER'S CONCERNS:**

Terrye Blackstone commented that the Chairman is the keeper of the banner.

Judy Okeson commented that she would like to see more bus trips to museums and other art shows. She recommended we get together with the Art League to arrange future trips.

**X. ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion:** Joan Coates moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

**Second:** Betty Russell

**All in Favor:** Motion carried

The next meeting of the Fine Arts Commission Meeting will be held 7:00 p.m. Thursday, March 10, 2016 at the East Hartford Community Cultural Center, 50 Chapman Place, East Hartford, CT., in Room 12.

Respectfully submitted,

East Hartford Fine Arts Commission

*Judith Beeman*

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Clerk