



**TOWN OF EAST HARTFORD  
FINE ARTS COMMISSION  
50 Chapman Place  
EHCCC  
East Hartford, CT 06108  
MINUTES  
Meeting of November 13, 2014**

Chair, Florence Schroeter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**I. ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** Terrye Blackstone, Regina Barall, Betty Russell, Karen Howe, Maureen Rodgers, Glynis McKenzie, Judy Okeson, Susan Tukey, Prescille Yamamoto, and Florence Schroeter.

**ABSENT:** Dan Russell and Hilde O'Brien excused.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Motion By:** Maureen Rodgers moved to approve the October 9, 2014 minutes as distributed.

**Seconded By:** Betty Russell

**Corrections:** Roll Call under Absent: Susan Tukey and Prescille Yamamoto were excused.

**All in Favor:** Motion Carried

**1 Abstention** Glynis McKenzie

**III. CHAIR'S REPORT:** Will report under New Business.

**IV. CORRESPONDENCE:** No Report.

**V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Drama / Lecture / Poetry:** Maureen Rodgers discussed with the Fine Arts Commission pursuing Sunset Ridge School, because of their Arts focus, for Elizabeth Thomas versus coordinating three workshops at the Raymond Library.

**Motion:** Susan Tukey moved to have Maureen Rodgers look into Sunset Ridge School to schedule Elizabeth Thomas.

**Second:** Karen Howe

**All in Favor:** Motion Carried

**Poet Laureate:** Reggie Barall spoke with Susan Hansen, Library Director, who is researching names for the Poet Laureate. Once the research is complete it will be presented to the Commissioners for review along with other names recommended by the Commissioners. Once an agreement is decided by the Commissioners to pursue the Poet Laureate, it will be further discussed with Mayor, Marcia LeClerc.

**Art:** Terrye Blackstone reported that the Fine Arts Commission and Art League will be sponsoring Dan Russell, a talented artist, for a wonderful Presentation, hands on demonstration how to bind books, and all about bookmaking. The Presentation will take place on Tuesday, November 18, 2014 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., to be held in Room 107 at the East Hartford Community Cultural Center.

**Children's Program:** Reggie Barall reported the 2014-2015 Children's Program meets weekly on Saturday morning 9:30 a.m. - noon (excluding holidays) for ages 3-18, subsidized by the Fine Arts Commission, to introduce youth to the fine arts. It is held in the Circle of Life facility at the East Hartford Community Cultural Center. At present, approximately 20 children participate in the program. Reggie Barall also commented on the participation is increasing each week as word gets around.

**Willowbrook:** Reggie Barall reported the 2014-2015 Willowbrook Program is a weekly school year-long program for pre-school-age children, subsidized by the Fine Arts Commission, to introduce them to music and movement, initiating a gateway to the fine arts. Approximately 40 students participate.

**Dance:** Reggie Barall reported that she is planning to do April in Paris in the Spring. There will be more discussion on the program as time approaches.

**Black History:** Reggie Barall reported that Pastor Gary and his committee are arranging meetings with her to discuss the date and program. There will be more discussion on the program as time approaches.

**E.H.S.Y.F.:** No report.

**EHPS Mini-Grants:** Betty Russell reported that the Mini-Grants applications were collected, distributed, and reviewed by the Mini-Grants committee. The following Mini-Grants were awarded to as follows:

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<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>TEACHER</u>	<u>REQUESTED AMOUNT</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>AMOUNT AWARDED</u>
CIBA	Suzanne Kent	\$500	Wadsworth Atheneum	\$490
Hockanum	JoAnn Hogan	\$450	Art Work for Raymond Library	\$450
Silver Lane	Dana Saccamano	\$500	Lollipop Opera Company	\$500
O'Connell	Anna Cairnduff	\$500	Hartford Symphony Concert	- 0 -
Pitkin	Katie Farber	\$500	Classical Jazz Ensemble	\$500
Sunset Ridge	Kathy Neri	\$200	Roland Chicrico, Trumpet Player	\$200
Sunset Ridge	Mary DiPaola	\$450	Professional Musicians Performance	- 0 -
Goodwin	Melanie Champion	\$500	Master Drummer – West Africa	<u>\$500</u>
<b><u>TOTAL OF GRANTS</u></b>				<b><u>\$2,640</u></b>

**Film Series:** Glynis McKenzie reported the Film Series will be held at 7:00p.m., at East Hartford Community Cultural Center on the second Saturday in January, February, March, and April, 2015.

**Sounds of Summer:** Terry Blackstone reported she is working with Jim Urich on the Banner. They are in the process of researching the type of material the Banner was made from. To be further discussed at the next meeting.

**Music:** Maureen Rodgers reported that the People of Good Will gave a wonderful performance on November 2, 2014 at the East Hartford Community Cultural Center. There was good advertising. Their fee was \$50.00 less than what was approved.

Florence Schroeter reported Paul Bisaccia will be performing during Holiday Fest at the First Church on December 6, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. This performance is sponsored by the East Hartford Fine Arts Commission. Posters were received and to be distributed by the Commissioners.

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** Florence Schroeter reported she will check into the Raymond Library's completion date. To be further discussed at a later meeting.

**VI. OLD BUSINESS:** Prescille Yamamoto discussed the 2014 – 2015 Budget. In the past 5 years there has been no increase and further research was requested. The 2014 – 2015 was tabled until the next meeting.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS:** Florence Schroeter reported the next meeting is scheduled during the Holiday Season. Glynis McKenzie suggested a basket of goodies for the Parks and Rec as well as goodies at the meeting.

**VIII. APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

\$ 80.00	Judith Beeman (Clerk's Fee)
\$ 65.49	Glynis McKenzie (Reimbursed for 2015 Film Series DVD's, To be viewed on the Second Saturday's from January – April, 2015)
\$ 850.00	Paul Bisaccia (Performance on 12/6/2014 at First Church)
\$ 100.00	The Gazette (People of Good Will publication on 10/30/2014)
\$2,640.00	Laura White (EHPS Mini-Grants Awarded. *See EHPS Mini-Grants for breakdown)

**Motion By:** Maureen Rodgers  
**Seconded By:** Betty Russell  
**All in Favor:** Motion Carried

**IX. MEMBERS CONCERNS:** Terrye Blackstone presented two brochures she recovered from 1991 and 1992, held at the Brewer House Gallery sponsored by the Fine Arts Commission, for the Commissioners to review.

**X. ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion By:** Prescille Yamamoto moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

**Seconded By:** Glynis McKenzie

**All in Favor:** Motion Carried

The next meeting of the Fine Arts Commission Meeting will be held **7:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 11, 2014, at the EHCCC 50 Chapman Place, East Hartford, CT Room 103.**

Respectfully submitted,

East Hartford Fine Arts Commission

Judith Beeman,  
Clerk