



Town of East Hartford
Commission on Culture and Fine Arts
740 Main St.
East Hartford, CT 06108-3114

East Hartford Raymond Library
840 Main Street
East Hartford, CT 06108
Meeting
May 12th, 2022

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Joan Coates, Lisa Gold, Glynis McKenzie, Prescille Yamamoto, Susan Tukey, Michael MacDonald, Emilio Estrella, Thomas Lumpkin and Rosamond White.

EXCUSED: Lavisher Hurst, Tamara Bryan-Chuchro

UNEXCUSED: Joanne Covey, and Annabelle Diaz

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Rosamond White called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm with a quorum.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: March 10th minutes approved as distributed

Motioned by: Com. Prescille Yamamoto

Seconded by: Com. Emilio Estrella

All in Favor: Motion carried

April 14th minutes approved as distributed with minor amendment.

Motioned by: Com. Prescille Yamamoto

Seconded by: Com. Joan Coates

All in Favor: Motion carried

ALSO PRESENT: No Guest

CHAIR'S REPORT:

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Children Library Programs and Library Director's Report:**
Library report:

This Saturday we are holding a mariachi concert on the lawn featuring East Hartford-based band Fiesta del Norte (1 PM).

In June, we are hosting two events celebrating the contributions of immigrants co-sponsored with the CCFA: Liberty Belles on June 4 and the Nelson Bello Jazz Quintet on June 25 (1 PM for both).

We are currently interviewing finalists for our children's department Librarian 1 vacancy and expect to make a job offer this week. We also recently hired a team of part-time temporary Makerspace staff to support summer enrichment programming for Parks & Recreation campers.

Summer programs are available on our website (brochure is coming soon).

Our next Japan Week is tentatively scheduled for April 2023. Between now and then, Toshiko will put together a proposal for the commission's consideration. Discussion of Collection Development Policy/Local Author Shelf policy/Request for Reconsideration Form (vote taken to approve policies).

Motioned by: Com Glynis to approve the Collection Development Policy of the Library

Seconded by: Com. Emilio Estrella

All in Favor: Motion carried

- **Black History: No Report – Juneteenth**
- **Dance:** Com. Glynis will research
- **East Hartford Summer Youth Festival:** Com. Joan mentioned that audition is presently being done. They will have a table at the Veterans Memorial Parade and the Juneteenth celebration. The chair will pull minutes prior to Covid when a vote was made on purchasing ticketing for the play for families and residents who may not be able to attend.
- **Film Series: No Report**
- **Mini Grants:** Tom Scavone was not able to attend the meeting. There is now a new Supervisor of Fine and Performing Arts for Grade K-12. Com. Prescille will make her introduction in the near future.
- **Music:** Commissioner Prescille mentioned that the Paul Bascissa event was a success. Thanked Com. Glynis and Lisa on a great job with the program and the marketing. Over 60 people in attendance. The church appreciates the commission having the program at the church and having the piano tuned. Holiday Fest has request Paul in December. The chair asked the commission if they would like to collaborate the event or sponsor the events which is to ensure all the necessary steps are taken to promote the event. Sarah Morgan also informed the commission that the piano from Wickham Library is now housed in the library. Prescille will talk with Paul so he can make some arrange to play the piano to see if it will need tuning and the feasibility of him playing in the library.
- **Poetry / Poet Laureate:**

- **Sounds of Summer:** The chair distributed the schedule for the Sound of Summer. She mentioned that this year they may be Food trucks.
- **Art League Festival 2022:** No report

Financial Report: The chair talked about the end of year residual balance of approximately \$2,000. She asked if any commissioner had a program or idea for us to be able to utilize the funds.

MEMBER'S CONCERNS:

NEW BUSINESS: Commissioners did not have any new projects to discuss at this meeting. Com. Lisa mentioned an event focusing on East Hartford diversity from a resident. The chair advised her the event is great but that's would be best suited if the town sponsored it and the commission can partake in some fashion. The chair suggested that we have a local publisher and writer De. Melissa Sue John conducted a program on Writing your Story or How to get you work published. She is going to reach out to Dr. John to find out the feasibility for 2021-22.

Com. Joan will research the Little Theatre in Manchester program. The commission can purchase tickets for a shows and offer it to the town residents at a discounted prices.

OLD BUSINESS: Com. Emilio informed the commission that he has investigated the Puppetry program at UConn. He was told the person who he will need to talk to is presently travelling.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: None

ADJOURNMENT: Motioned by: Prescille Yamamoto to adjourn the meeting 8:27 PM

Seconded by: Thomas Lumpkin

All in Favor: Motion carried

The next meeting of the Commission on Culture and Fine Arts will be held at 7:00 pm on Thursday, June 9th, 2022 at the East Hartford Raymond Library Reference room, 840 Main St., East Hartford, CT.

Juliet Relph
Rosamond S. White