



TOWN OF EAST HARTFORD
Commission on Culture and Fine Arts
EHCCC
50 Chapman Place
East Hartford, CT 06108
MINUTES
Meeting of January 11, 2018

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

I. ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Regina Barall, Terrye Blackstone, Joan Coates, Lisa Gold, Todney Harris, Gloria Visgilio-Lupi, Glynis McKenzie, Sarah Morgan, Judith Okeson, Betty Russell, Dan Russell, Florence Schroeter, Susan Tukey, and Prescille Yamamoto.

ABSENT: Joanne Covey, Robert Dorn, Karen Howe, and Maureen Rodgers.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by: Joan Coates moved to approve the December 14, 2017 minutes for the Commission on Culture and Fine Arts.

Corrections: Cue and Curtain Players, Inc. is the correct name; Member's Concerns: There will be a film Series for Black History in February; Chair's report should read "attended" not attending; Art Demo should read "Caricatures."

Second: Dan Russell

All in Favor: Motion Carried

III. CHAIR'S REPORT: The Chair commented that Todney Harris updated the Library Commissioners' list who will be joining the Commission on Culture and Fine Arts. The Chair spoke with Mike Walsh Finance Director on the budget. She spoke on the e-mail that Matt Larson sent to the Commissioners versus the Ordinance Committee outline. She spoke with Rich Kehoe Chair Town Council regarding the Commissioner's Term, number of Commissioners allowed on the Commission, and was advised to include all Library Board Commissioners on the Commission on Culture and Fine Arts. Terrye Blackstone suggested to invite Rich Kehoe to one of our meetings to better understand the Commission.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE: Matt Larson sent the Commissioners an e-mail.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Black History: Sarah Morgan Library Director announced the dates of the Black History Month Film Series to be held on Tuesdays in February. All films will begin at 6:00 pm: 2/6/18 – "Loving;" 2/13/18 – "Selma;" 2/20/18 – "Glory;" and 2/27/18 – "Southside with You."

Early Childhood: Reggie Barall e-mailed Prescille Yamamoto with a Children's program outline for Hockanum School. They will make an appointment with Principal Lisa Beauchamp to discuss the program.

EHSYF: Joan Coates reminded the Commissioners that there will be a Reveal Party for this summer's show at Hilltop Friday, February 9, 2018 at 7:00 pm. There will be a \$5.00 charge. On April 21, 2018 a Cabaret and silent auction fundraiser is planned.

Film Series: Glynis McKenzie reported that the first movie 'Kedi,' a documentary from Turkey, is scheduled for Saturday, January 13th, 2018 at 7 pm and on February 10, 2018 the second movie is "Their Finest."

Holiday Fest: Betty Russell commented it was a very good year.

Library Programs: Sarah Morgan Library Director reminded the Commission Dimensional Dance performance will be held on Thursday, February 15, 2018 with a snow date on Thursday, February 22, 2018.

Mini Grants: No report.

Music: Florence Schroeter announced that Paul Bisaccia will perform on Sunday May 6, 2018 at First Congregational Church at 2:00 pm. His performance: "Beethoven Liszt and Chopin."

Prescille Yamamoto is looking in to a program by "Rural Legion" for later.

Sounds of Summer: No report.

Art League Festival: Terrye Blackstone commented that the Art League will be meeting next week and discuss the up-coming festival.

Art Programs / Demos / Exhibits: Terrye Blackstone is currently working on a "Caricatures" future demonstration.

Art Show – Teachers: No report

Library Budget: Sarah Morgan discussed the Library Budget overview with the Commissioners prior to presenting it to the Town Council.

Bus Trip: No report.

Cue & Curtain Players: Joan Coates said they will be meeting next Thursday, will be choosing their spring show, and next month will have a cast.

Dance – April in Paris: Reggie Barall scheduled April in Paris on April 29, 2018 at 1:00 pm titled "Patriotism."

Dance – Around the World: Reggie Barall scheduled the performance on Sunday May 20, 2018 at 2:00 pm.

- VI. OLD BUSINESS - Budget:** Prescille Yamamoto discussed the 2017 – 2018 Fine Arts Commission Budget. She will speak with Mike Walsh Director of the Finance Department, get a printout update on the 2017-2018 Budget, and will discuss with Mike on the new 2018 -2019 Budget. The Commission will request an increase of \$600 over the last many budgets. It was reported that on Saturday March 3, 2018, between 8:30 am to 12:30 pm, the Town Council will hear the Budgets of Boards of Commission.

Motion by: Todney Harris requests Town Council from the General Fund \$20,643.00 for our operating budget in 2018 – 2019

Second: Dan Russell

All in Favor: Motion Carried

- VII. NEW BUSINESS:** Prescille Yamamoto reviewed the By-Laws of the Fine Arts Commission and Library By-Laws with the Commissioners. A new draft of the By-Laws will be presented to the Commissioners at the next meeting for discussion.

VIII. APPROVAL OF BILLS:

\$ 80.00 Judith Beeman (Clerk's Fee)
\$ 50.00 The Gazette (Paul Bisaccia's concert 12/2/18)

Motion by: Terrye Blackstone to approve the bills.

Second: Joan Coates

All in Favor: Motion carried

- IX. MEMBER'S CONCERNS:** Glynis McKenzie checked on Poet John Stanizzi poetry reading. She mentioned Terrye Blackstone has sponsored past poetry events at Hilltop. Prescille Yamamoto suggested the Raymond Library for the poetry reading.

Glynis McKenzie reminded the newest Commissioners to add events.

Todney Harris spoke on reaching out to the teachers to remind them of the Teachers Art Show.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by: Terrye Blackstone moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 pm

Second: Susan Tukey

All in Favor: Motion carried

The next meeting of the Commission on Culture and Fine Arts will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 8, 2018 at the East Hartford Community Cultural Center, 50 Chapman Place, East Hartford, Connecticut, in Room 12.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Beeman

Judith Beeman, Clerk