



TOWN OF EAST HARTFORD
Commission on Culture and Fine Arts
EHCCC
50 Chapman Place
East Hartford, CT 06108
MINUTES
Meeting of March 8, 2018

Prescille Yamamoto called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Regina Barall, Joanne Covey, Lisa Gold, Glynis McKenzie, Sarah Morgan, Judith Okeson, Dan Russell, Betty Russell, Florence Schroeter, Susan Tukey, and Prescille Yamamoto.

ABSENT: Robert Dorn, Todney Harris, Karen Howe, and Gloria Visgilio-Lupi. Called in - Terrye Blackstone, Joan Coates, and Maureen Rodgers.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by: Judy Okeson moved to approve the February 8, 2018 minutes for the Commission on Culture and Fine Arts.

Second: Lisa Gold

All in Favor: Motion Carried

III. CHAIR'S REPORT: The Chair suspended the Agenda at this time. She introduced guess speaker Ray Tubbs, who has been hired to catalog various Art pieces and Purchase Awards at the Raymond Library.

Ray Tubbs introduced himself, his qualifications, and background. He discussed his findings on the Purchase Awards and wrote a report on the condition, the Art, frames, glass, not properly stored, repairs, and the cost for restoration work. He spoke about problems, procedures, guidelines, and passed out "Requirements and Principles for the Assessment of Art Collection of Library in Accordance with Museum Standards and the Requirements and Needs of Library."

IV. CORRESPONDENCE: None

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

EHSYF: Glynis McKenzie revealed the name of this summer's show: "High School Musical."

On April 21, 2018 a Cabaret, "Disney Musicals", and silent auction fundraiser will be held 7:00 pm at Hilltop. They will be selling Roma's Pasta Sauce.

Film Series: Glynis McKenzie reminded the Commission that "The Women's Balcony" will be filmed on Saturday March 10, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

Library Programs: Sarah Morgan, Director of the Raymond Library reported on "Japan Week" event to be held in June, 2018. She has renegotiated the Japan Week program and scaled it back for the June week. She is planning a separate program for the Tea Ceremony Demonstration in the fall and would like the Commission to sponsor it. The Tea event is \$500.

Sarah was delighted with the attendance, including a Girl Scout Troop with their family, at the Dimensional Dance performance and would like to collaborate with the Commission on a future performance.

Library Programs continued:

Sarah commented that Ray Tubbs mentioned the Library will be hosting an exhibit this summer of a West Indian Artist who lives in Bloomfield, and she is planning to hold an opening for his show. She has made contact with a steel drum band - the drummers live in East Hartford and are called "The Hartford Steel Symphony." They would like perform for this event in the summer but their cost is out of the Library's budget. Sarah is proposing to co-sponsorship with the Commission.

Mini Grants: No report.

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

Poetry: Glynis McKenzie announced Poet John Stanizzi will perform "An Evening of Poetry" on April 17, 2018 at 6:30 pm in Meeting Room 1 at the Raymond Library.

Motion: Glynis McKenzie motioned that we pay Poet John Stannizzi \$150 for his Poetry reading and purchase his 6 Poetry book collections totaling \$97.

Second: Susan Tukey

All in favor: Motion carried.

Sounds of Summer: Glynis McKenzie spoke with the Parks and Recreation, requested them to inform the Commission of the Bands showcase list, who they select, and will let them know who the Commission wish to sponsor.

Art League Festival: Prescille Yamamoto will be sending a letter to Holly Reed Chair of the Art League and Sarah Morgan, Director of the Raymond Library requesting they work together and speak to Ray Tubbs regarding the new guidelines, to be worked out to their satisfaction. Therefore, they need to reach out to the Commission regarding the Purchase Awards. To be discussed on the April 12, 2018 meeting.

Art Programs / Demos /Exhibits: Prescille Yamamoto reported for Terrye Blackstone on the following Art Program: On Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at 1:00 pm artist Bill Dougal will come to the Senior Center and with a program to learn about the world of cartooning and caricatures demonstration. Please register in the Senior Center Office.

Art Show – Teachers: No report

Black History Month: Sarah Morgan commented that it was not successful and will try something different next year.

Library Budget: No report.

Bus Trip: No report.

Cue & Curtain Players: The performance "After Life," a six (6) character play, is scheduled for Friday, May 4, Saturday, May 5, and a matinee on Sunday, May 6, 2018.

Dance – April in Paris: Reggie Barall has scheduled April in Paris on April 29, 2018 at 1:00 pm. She will forward Flyers to the Commissioners about the performance.

Dance – Around the World: Reggie Barall commented on the dance, "A Veteran's Tribute," and has scheduled Around the World for Sunday, May 20, 2018 at 1:00 pm.

VI. OLD BUSINESS - Budget: Prescille Yamamoto commented on the Town Council's meeting and will be speaking with Town Finance Director Mike Walsh.

VII. NEW BUSINESS: No report.

Fw: Reggie's Shows

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Thu 3/15/2018 3:43 PM

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From: reggie barall
Sent: Thursday, March 15, 2018 3:02 PM
To: Judith Beeman
Subject: Reggie's Shows

There are 2 upcoming shows:

1. April in Paris - This is a show that highlights the beginning of Spring with skits, singing and dancing. There is a large turnout to view the performance yearly.
2. A Veteran's Tribute - this is a new show to honor Veterans including live music performed by Veterans. In addition performers will sing wartime favorite songs. There will be a reading of a passage about the wartime "Doughnut Girls" who served coffee and doughnuts to the soldiers in the trenches and doughnuts & coffee will be served as a treat. A video of famous dancers from that era will be shown as well.

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VIII. APPROVAL OF BILLS:

\$ 80.00 Judith Beeman (Clerk's Fee)
\$100.00 Tim McLaughlin (Film Screening 3/10/2018 and 4/14/2018)
\$150.00 John Stanizzi (Poetry reading on 4/17/2018)
\$ 97.00 John Stanizzi (Purchase 6 books: Ecstasy Among Ghosts, Sleepwalking,
Dance against the Wall, After the Bell, Hallelujah, and High-Tide/Ebb Tide.
\$ 89.69 Hartford Courant (Display Ad for Paul Bisaccia's performance on 10/1/2017)

Motion by: Glynis McKenzie to approve the bills.

Second: Dan Russell

All in Favor: Motion carried

IX. MEMBER'S CONCERNS: Prescille Yamamoto will have a talk with Terrye Blackstone in regards to the Purchase Awards and Ray Tubbs' changes.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by: Joanne Covey moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 pm

Second: Judy Okeson

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, April 12, 2018 at the East Hartford Community Cultural Center, 50 Chapman Place, East Hartford, Connecticut, in Room 12.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Beeman

Judith Beeman, Clerk