



TOWN OF EAST HARTFORD
Commission on Culture and Fine Arts
EHCCC
50 Chapman Place
East Hartford, CT 06108
MINUTES
Meeting of December 13, 2018

Prescille Yamamoto called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL:

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

ABSENT: Robert Dorn. Excused is Joanne Covey.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by: Betty Russell moved to approve the November 8, 2018 minutes for the Commission on Culture and Fine Arts.

Second: Joan Coates

All in Favor: Motion Carried

III. CHAIR'S REPORT: The Chair introduced the newly appointed Commissioner Rosamond White.

She mentioned that there are six Commissioners coming up for reappointments. The Chairman of the political committees will be in charge of reappointing the commissioners and having them fill out an application form, sending the appointments to the Mayor, and to the Town Council who will review and accept the appointments.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE:

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Black History: Sarah Morgan has scheduled a co-sponsorship program with the Commission by Tammy Denease Richardson who will appear as a one woman show as Betsy Coleman on February 9, 2019 at 3:00 pm at the Raymond Library.

Bus Trip: Joan Coates commented that she and Sarah Morgan will talk about the trip after the first of the year. They are looking at April or June.

Cue & Curtain Players: Joan Coates reported they had a good turnout for "Deathtrap" by Ira Levin.

Dance: Reggie Barall commented that those attended were happy with the program, Diversified Vintage Ballroom Dancing and A Veterans Tribute.

Dance: Lisa Gold spoke with Parks and Recreation for dates - Friday, January 25, 2019 or Saturday, January 26, 2019. She will let Jolet at Studio 860 on the available dates.

EHSYF: Joan Coates reported that they have voted on a show. It will be revealed at their next meeting on January 25, 2019 or a snow date of February 8, 2019.

Film Series: Glynis McKenzie had no news and it was not looking good. Still looking into possibilities and the Video Group she used in the past.

Holiday Fest: Paul Bisaccia's performance was well received.

Library Programs: Sarah Morgan commented on the upcoming co-sponsorship programs with the Commission as follows:

February 9, 2019 – Tammy Denease Richardson as Betsy Coleman, on Saturday at 3:00 pm.
March 23, 2019 – Kellet Trio, "Peter and the Wolf" Children's program on Saturday at 3:00 pm.

Mini Grants: Betty Russell sent out the award letters and is waiting to hear from the winners.

Music: Glynis McKenzie is in contact with The Greater Hartford Opera Ensemble and is checking on available dates.

Poetry: Sarah Morgan, Library Director reported that 'An Evening with Poet John Stanizzi', a co-sponsored program with the Commission, had a phenomenal turnout.

Susan Tukey is looking into a poetry program and will follow up.

Poet Laureate: No report.

Sarah Morgan, Library Director: Sarah Morgan will discuss the Library Budget at the next meeting. She mentioned their participation in the Grant Project through the Connecticut State Library that's designed to turn them into a 'Innovative and Collaborative Agent of Change' in the community. She invited the Commission to attend a meeting on Monday, December 17, 2018 at 6:30 pm to participate in a Community Design Session, like a focus group, to talk about some ideas they have for programs and services that will be targeting people who will want to make a difference in East Hartford.

Sarah reported that Cathy Potter is the new librarian for Children and Teen Services. She will be starting on Monday, December 17, 2018.

Sounds of Summer: No report.

Art League Festival: No report.

Art Programs/Demos/Exhibits: Canton Sculpture Marilyn Thrall was amazing.

Terrye Blackstone mentioned they are looking into upcoming programs.

VI. APPROVAL OF BILLS:

\$80.00 Judith Beeman (Clerk's Fee)

Motion by: Dan Russell moved to approve the bills.

Second: Susan Tukey

All in Favor: Motion carried

VII. MEMBER'S CONCERNS: Glynis McKenzie should have mentioned under EHSYF that she has recommended a film to see by Dillon Thomas "A Child's Christmas in Wales" and how beautiful the language is.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS: The Commissioners reviewed the budget. Prescille Yamamoto will be talking with Mike Walsh, Finance Director regarding the updating in the Budget Book now that we are a combined group.

Election for Vice Chair.

Motion by: Betty Russell nominated Glynis McKenzie as Vice Chair.
Second: Judy Okeson
All in Favor: Motion carried

Election for Secretary:

Motion by: Betty Russell nominated Lisa Gold for Secretary.
Second: Joan Coates
All in Favor: Motion carried

Prescille Yamamoto presented the 2019 calendar meeting dates.

Motion by: Glynis McKenzie moved to accept the 2019 calendar meeting dates.
Second: Joan Coates
All in Favor: Motion carried

IX. OLD BUSINESS: Prescille Yamamoto and Sarah Morgan will get together after the first of year to discuss the by-laws with the appropriate corporation counsel.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by: Terrye Blackstone moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm
Second: Lisa Gold
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, January 10, 2019 at the East Hartford Community Cultural Center, 50 Chapman Place, East Hartford, Connecticut, in Room 12.

Respectfully submitted,
Judith Beeman
Judith Beeman, Clerk