



**TOWN OF EAST HARTFORD**  
**Commission on Culture and Fine Arts**  
**EHCCC**  
**50 Chapman Place**  
**East Hartford, CT 06108**  
**MINUTES**  
**Meeting of January 10, 2019**

Prescille Yamamoto called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

**I. ROLL CALL:**

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

**ABSENT:** Excused are Terry Blackstone, Betty Russell, and Dan Russell.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Motion by:** Joan Coates moved to approve the December 13, 2018 minutes for the Commission on Culture and Fine Arts.

**Second:** Judy Okeson

**Corrections:** Add Black History to Agenda;

Minutes Corrections: Florence Schroeter reported the following for corrections: Under Chairs report second sentence should read 'The Chair of the Democratic and Republican Town Committees'; Under Dance last sentence change on to 'of available dates'; Under Sarah Morgan – third line change a to an; under Member's Concerns – Dillion Thomas first name is Dylan Thomas; Under Art Demo – change to Sculptor; under Old Business: - last line should read with corporate counsel.

**All in Favor:** Motion Carried to accept minutes as corrected.

**Abstained:** Glynis McKenzie

**III. CHAIR'S REPORT:** The Chair reported the upcoming Schedule of Events from the East Hartford Fine & Performing Arts Department Winter Arts Events: Thursday, January 10, 2019- 'EHMS Winter Instrumental Concert,' 7:00 pm at the EHMS Auditorium & music wing; Wednesday January 30, 2019 'First Inter-El Rehearsal Grades 4-6,' 5:30pm at the EHMS Auditorium & music wing; and February 14, 2019 'EHHS Mid-Winter Band Concert,' 7:00pm at the EHHS Auditorium & music wing.

She reminded the Commissioners to write into their calendars the 2019 meeting dates.

The Chair announced that Robert Dorn has been removed as Commissioner to the Commission on Culture and Fine Arts due to a year of meeting absences.

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

**IV. CORRESPONDENCE:** The Beautification Commission sent a thank you note for the continued support of 26 years the Commission on Culture and Fine Arts has supported the Holiday Fest.

## **V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Cue & Curtain Players:** Joan Coates reported they are planning in May, 2019 to have three – one act plays as follows: Marriage Proposal by Anton Chekhov; Adam & Eve by Mark Twain; and Stage Directions by Israel Horovitz. She is planning to direct Adam & Eve.

**Dance:** Lisa Gold reported that Jolet at Studio 860 has not responded to date. She will follow-up with Jolet to coordinate available dates.

**EHSYF:** Glynis McKenzie mentioned that they have chosen a show and are waiting for confirmation of rights to produce the show. Joan Coates commented that there is a second choice in the event the confirmation falls through. The reveal party is scheduled for Friday, February 8, 2019 at Hilltop.

**Film Series:** Glynis McKenzie emailed Tim McLaughlin for a list of equipment she will need and cost. She will correspond with Ted Fravel Director of East Hartford Parks and Recreation on the cost of the equipment. The cost to run the films with other vendors was high. Joanne Covey recommended calling the Board of Education to see if the Commission could borrow their projector. John Bacon from Channel 5 was recommended and Glynis will follow-up with him on the availability of the equipment.

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

March 23, 2019 – Kellet Trio, “Peter and the Wolf” Children’s program on Saturday at 3:00 pm.

**Motion:** Susan Tukey moved to pay \$500 to co-sponsor the Kellet Trio program.

**Second:** Joan Coates

**All in Favor:** Motion Carried

**Mini Grants:** No report.

**Music:** Glynis McKenzie has not heard back from The Greater Hartford Opera Ensemble. She will follow-up on available dates.

Florence Schroeter communicated with Paul Bisaccia who is offering a free concert this spring. The Concert Title ‘Clair de Lune – Music of the Masters’ is his newest concert. The concert celebrates the inspiration of Cape Cod Bay. It includes Beethoven, Chopin, Debussy, and music by Lecuona including the audience favorite Maleguena. She will check on dates to schedule him this spring.

Sarah Morgan proposed to cosponsor Hartford Steel Symphony this summer on the front lawn at the Library. Their cost is \$1,000. Date to be determined.

**Poetry:** No report.

**Poet Laureate:** No report.

**Sarah Morgan, Library Director:** Sarah Morgan called to the Commissioners attention to two upcoming lecture programs: Thursday, January 17, 2019 an Archaeology program with Nick Bellantoni, a native of East Hartford, on a book he has written; and on Saturday, January 19, 2019 Tom Hogan will give a talk about events that occurred in Hartford and East Hartford after the end of WWI to celebrate the ending of the war and to talk more about the Dough Boy Memorial.

She passed along the East Hartford Public Library January 2019 Adult Program Calendar, highlighted and passed along Story Telling Programs, a grant funding support by the CT Offices of the Arts, on free story telling workshops. Registration is required.

The Library Director distributed and discussed her preliminary Library’s Budget with the Commission before she meets with Mayor Marcia Leclerc to provide the Mayor with the Library’s Budget request, as required by State Statue.

**Sounds of Summer:** No report.

**Art League Festival – 2019:** No report

**Art Programs/Demos/Exhibits:** Terrye Blackstone called Prescille Yamamoto and has a report but was not asking for any demonstration funds at this point. Sarah Morgan was in contact with Holly Reed from the Art League who had a summary of upcoming events as follows: In February, the Art League is planning a workshop with Artist Ned Lomerson,- date and time to be announced; in March, Artist Shawna Sheen from Coventry will be doing a presentation; and in April they hope to have the caricatures back.

**Black History:** Sarah Morgan has scheduled a co-sponsorship program, “Where Historical Firsts are Told,” with the Commission for Saturday, February 9, 2019 at 3:00 pm. Storyteller and museum educator Tammy Denease Richardson will present, in character, Bessie Coleman who was the first woman of African - American descent and the first of Native American descent, to hold a pilot’s license. That day is a State-Wide event ‘Take your child to the Library Day.’ There will programming all day at the Library and feature the co-sponsorship program as a highlight of the day.

**Motion:** Susan Tukey moved to support the Black History program for \$450.

**Second:** Joan Coates

**All in Favor:** Motion Carried

**Bus Trip:** Joan Coates discussed with the Commissioners dates on a Saturday in June for the Amherst trip and will follow-up on availability.

Glynis McKenzie suggested a trip to the 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Connecticut Artist Juried Exhibition held at the Slater Museum – Norwich Free Academy, Norwich

**VI. APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

\$80.00 Judith Beeman (Clerk’s Fee)

\$115.00 Ken Lawhorn (Piano Tuning on 12/7/2018)

\$450.00 Library (Co-sponsorship program Tammy Denease Richardson as Bessie Coleman, “Where Historical Firsts are Told” on Saturday, 2/9/2019)

\$500.00 Library (Co-sponsorship program – The Kelet Trio, “Peter and the Wolf” on Saturday, March 23, 2019)

**Motion by:** Judy Okeson moved to approve the bills.

**Second:** Joanne Covey

**All in Favor:** Motion carried

**VII. MEMBER’S CONCERNS:** Glynis McKenzie recommended a film, Trinity Escapes, the Commissioners should see.

Judy Okeson inquired about the Hudson Valley trip.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS:** Prescille Yamamoto reviewed the Budget with the Commissioners before submitting a Budget proposal to Mike Walsh, Finance Director. She needs to see a statement in the Budget Book as to what we are.

**Motion by:** Glynis McKenzie move to submit the Budget at the same amount.

**Second:** Lisa Gold

**All in Favor:** Motion Carried

Rosamond White suggested a taste of the Caribbean month in June and will follow-up with information at the next meeting.

- IX. OLD BUSINESS:** Sarah Morgan has contacted corporation counsel, Attorney Rich Gentile, regarding Commission's By-Laws. Prescille Yamamoto will have the Clerk send out the current By-Laws to the Commissioners for review, to be discussed at the next meeting.

Glynis McKenzie will follow-up on a graphic artist proposal at the next meeting.

**X. ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion by:** Florence Schroeter moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm.

**Second:** Joanne Covey

**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 14, 2019 at the East Hartford Community Cultural Center, 50 Chapman Place, East Hartford, Connecticut, in Room 12.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Beeman, Clerk