



TOWN OF EAST HARTFORD
Commission on Culture and Fine Arts
EHCCC
50 Chapman Place
East Hartford, CT 06108
MINUTES
Meeting of February 14, 2019

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

I. ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Terrye Blackstone, Joan Coates, Joanne Covey, 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: Regina Barall excused.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by: Joanne Covey moved to approve the January 10, 2019 minutes for the Commission on Culture and Fine Arts.

Second: Joan Coates

Corrections: Roll Call: add Joanne Covey as present;

Old Business should read: Glynis McKenzie will follow-up on a graphic artist proposal for our new logo at the next meeting.

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

Abstained: Glynis McKenzie

III. CHAIR'S REPORT: The Chair reported that the expired Republican terms are renewed and will be sworn in by the Town Clerk's office on March 1, 2019. The Chair is still waiting to hear from the Democratic Chair on the other expired Commissioners.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE: The Chair received a post card from UConn Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts on an upcoming Songs of Ireland: A Celtic Celebration on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 7:30 pm.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

By-Laws: The Chair reviewed the By-Laws with the Commission. Changes to Commission's name, 'Commission on Culture and Fine Arts', add in the Library, under Article 2 purpose, to serve as an advisory role to the Library Director. All Articles were reviewed, discussed, and there were some changes. The updated By-Laws will be reviewed and accepted after two months.

Graphic Artist: Glynis McKenzie handed out a sample to the Commission. Much discussion and feedback were given to Glynis to bring back to Garth to review.

Cue & Curtain Players: Joan Coates scheduled the production 'Marriage Proposal' by Anton Chekhov for May 17-18, 2019. The 2018-2019 budget set aside a \$1,000 grant for the Cue & Curtain Players. A request for these funds was received.

Motion: Judy Okeson moved to donate \$1,000 to their 2018-2019 Budget

Second: Dan Russell

All in Favor: Motion Carried

Dance: Lisa Gold reported that Jolet at Studio 860 has agreed to a March 2019 program. Lisa will check on the availability. They will bring their own blue tooth speaker. Their fee is \$350.

Motion: Lisa Gold moved to pay \$350 to Jolet at Studio 860
Second: Susan Tukey
All in Favor: Motion Carried

EHSYF: Glynis McKenzie reported that the reveal party has been changed to Friday, March 22, 2019 at Hilltop. They will be selling pasta sauce in March. She mentioned they could not get the rights to produce their first choice and are waiting to reveal their second choice.

Film Series: Glynis McKenzie was happy to report that John Bacon has agreed to do the screening of the films. She needs to preview the three films before announcing the names. March 10, 2019 is the first film screening – to be announced.

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.

Mini Grants: Kathy Neri Band Director from Sunset Ridge School sent a ‘Thank you’ for the grant. The students and the Al Fenton Big Band will be performing together, and they would like to invite the Commission to attend on April 4, 2019 at 7:00 pm. Sunset Ridge Gymnasium.

Music: Glynis McKenzie heard back from The Greater Hartford Opera Ensemble. She is checking on Sunday, June 2, 2019 at 4:00 pm availability. The fee will be \$500.

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: Sarah Morgan has scheduled Poet John Stanizzi for a reading and Book Launch Program on his new book for Thursday, May 23, 2019 at 6:30 pm to held at the Raymond Library.

Motion: Glynis McKenzie moved to pay Poet John Stanizzi \$200.
Second: Gloria Visgilio-Lupi
All in Favor: Motion Carried

Poet Laureate: No report.

Sarah Morgan, Library Director: Sarah Morgan call the attention of Commissioners to two upcoming programs: March 9, 2019 – a classical musical event by a Cellist ‘Meet the Cello’; March 23, 2019 – Peter and the Wolf at 3:00 pm.

She highlighted East Hartford Public Library’s upcoming Story Telling Programs, a grant funding support by the CT Offices of the Arts, on advanced free story telling workshops for East Hartford residents only scheduled for March 2, 2019 from 9:30 am to 4:30pm. Registration is required. The same program will be offered again on May 18, 2019.

Sarah gave an update on the Wickham Library. She met with Architects on the Wickham Library’s design. Preliminary design to be presented to the Town Council. Plans can be viewed on-line.

Sounds of Summer: No report.

Art League Festival – 2019: No report

Art Programs/Demos/Exhibits: Terrye Blackstone announced the Art League will have a pottery presentation on Sunday, February 24, 2019 at the EHCC from 2-4 pm. Jim Brunelle will talk about his work as he creates unique pottery.

Motion: Terrye Blackstone moved to pay an honorarium of \$150 to Jim Brunelle

Second: Joanne Covey

All in Favor: Motion Carried

Black History: Sarah Morgan mentioned that storyteller and museum educator Tammy Denease Richardson, who presented, in character, Bessie Coleman was very well received by the audience. There was a good turnout including families. Tammy is interested in future work with the library.

Bus Trip: Joan Coates discussed the Amherst trip. The date scheduled is Saturday, June 15, 2019 at 10:00 am. Tickets are \$13.00. The tour will be 60 minutes.

Judy Okeson received paperwork on the Hudson Valley trip. Glynis McKenzie penciled in a September 8, 2019 date, waiting for confirmation. The tickets will be \$30.00.

Glynis McKenzie suggested a trip to the 75th Annual Connecticut Artist Juried Exhibition held at the Slater Museum – Norwich Free Academy, Norwich next fall.

VI. APPROVAL OF BILLS:

\$80.00 Judith Beeman (Clerk's Fee)

\$150.00 Jim Brunelle (Pottery Presentation 2/24/19 – 2-4pm)

\$350.00 Jolet at Studio 860 (scheduled in March, 2019)

Motion by: Joanne Covey moved to approve the bills.

Second: Dan Russell

All in Favor: Motion carried

VII. MEMBER'S CONCERNS: Glynis McKenzie inquired about the Slater Museum Bus Trip for next year.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS: Prescille Yamamoto reviewed the 2018-2019 Budget and the Budget Narrative with the Commission before submitting a Budget proposal to Mike Walsh, Finance Director. The updates will be reviewed at the next meeting.

IX. OLD BUSINESS: Rosamond White handed out information on the taste of Caribbean month and will be working with Sarah Morgan to coordinate dates to set up in June.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by: Joan Coates moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 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, March 14, 2019 at the East Hartford Community Cultural Center, 50 Chapman Place, East Hartford, Connecticut, in Room 12.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Beeman, Clerk