



TOWN OF EAST HARTFORD
Commission on Culture and Fine Arts
EHCCC
50 Chapman Place
East Hartford, CT 06108
MINUTES
Meeting of May 9, 2019

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

I. ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Terrye Blackstone, Joan Coates, Joanne Covey, Lisa Gold, Sarah Morgan, Judy Okeson, and Prescille Yamamoto.

ABSENT: Regina Barall and Glynis McKenzie. Excused are Gloria Visgilio-Lupi, Betty Russell, Susan Tukey, and Rosamond White.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by: Joanne Covey moved to approve the April 11, 2019 minutes for the Commission on Culture and Fine Arts.

Second: Dan Russell

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

III. CHAIR'S REPORT The Chair reported that the Commission on Culture and Fine Arts' June 13, 2019 meeting will be held at the East Hartford Raymond Library.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE: Mayor's office called. There is a big clean-up day on Saturday, May 18, 2019 and asked that the Commission sign up and come and help.

The Chair received a letter recognizing Betty Russell's appointment as a member on the Commission on Culture and Fine Arts from Mayor Marcia Leclerc, which was approved by the Town Council. The term of this re-appointment expires in December, 2023

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Caribbean Month: Sarah Morgan received an email from Rosaland White who has scheduled a performance by Grace Wright for Caribbean Month on June 29, 2019 at East Hartford Library. There will be a performance of dance, drumming, and an interactive demonstration of Caribbean folklore dance and culture. Cost \$750. To provide a timely payment, the check from the Commission will reimburse the Library who will pay Grace Wright. The Library will produce an Invoice to the Commission, and W9 form if required, on the event

EHSYF: No report

Graphic Artist: No report

Library Programs: The following program's scheduled are:

Saturday, May 11, 2019 – 9:30 am – 4:30 pm **Advanced Storytelling Workshop**

Saturday, May 11, 2019 – 9:30 am – 1:30 pm **Art League's Spring Art Festival**

May 13-31, 2019 – **Escape Room (East Hartford History Theme)** free to East Hartford Residents

Thursday, May 23, 2019 at 6:30 pm – **Poet John Stanizzi** reading

Thursday, June 6, 2019 at 6:00 pm – **Jason Pannone** presentation on Emily Dickinson

Thursday, June 13, 2019 at 5:00 pm – 2017 documentary **MY LETTER TO THE WORLD**

Mini Grants: No report

Music: Paul Bisaccia will be performing **Music of the Masters** at First Congregational Church on Sunday, May 19, 2019 at 2:00 pm. He will be dedicating his program to Florence Schroeter.

The piano has been scheduled to be tuned prior to the May 19, 2019 concert. Waiting to receive the invoice.

The Greater Hartford Opera Ensemble is scheduled to perform at First Congregational Church on Sunday, June 2, 2019 at 4:00 pm. Budgeted cost \$500.

Poetry: Poet John Stanizzi will be launching a new Book on Thursday, May 23, 2019 at 6:30 to be held at the Raymond Library. His fee \$200. To provide a timely payment, the check from the Commission will reimburse the Library who will pay Poet John Stanizzi. The Library will produce an Invoice to the Commission on the event.

Sarah Morgan, Library Director: Sarah Morgan reported that Florence Schroeter's co-workers reached out to her regarding a collection they took up following Florence's death. In her memory, they are donating the collection to the Library. Sarah mentioned that she plans to hold a concert in the fall in Florence's honor. Date to be determined. Sarah will propose continuing the tradition of holding a library concert in the fall that she will bring forward for Commission's funding in the future.

Sarah commented on Sustainable CT, an exciting program platform which supports a broad range of actions and supporting arts and creative culture.

The Library has decorated the Escape Room in the lower level of the library, have planned another happening from May 13 – 31, 2019, and is East Hartford History themed. Solve some puzzles, see some artifacts, and solve the mystery. This program is best suited for adults and children 8 years and up. Children under 5 years old will not be admitted. Tickets are \$10 for nonresidents. Free to East Hartford residents One ticket admits up to 6 people for one session of the escape room.

On the June meeting, it is also the Library's summer reading kick off and the last week of school, Sarah reported that she will block off parking spaces for the Commission. She will send out to the Commission prior to the meeting the reserved parking spaces location.

Sounds of Summer: No report.

Art League Festival – 2019: Terrye Blackstone reminded the Commission the Art League Festival on May 11, 2019 will be held at the East Hartford Raymond Library from 9:30 am to 1:30pm.

Art Programs/Demos/Exhibits: Terrye Blackstone scheduled Caricature Artist Bill Dougal to illustrate caricature at the Senior Center on Wednesday, June 12, 2019 at 1:00 pm.

By-Laws: By-Laws were reviewed.

Motion: Joanne Covey moved to table the By-Laws final vote until June, 2019. The required amount of membership was not present for the final vote.

Second: Judy Okeson

All in Favor: Motion carried

Bus Trip 1: Joan Coates handed out an itinerary program on the Emily Dickinson, Amherst bus trip. Scheduled date is Saturday, June 15, 2019. Leave at 8:30 am; arrive at 9:45 am; tour at 10:00 am. Tickets are \$20.00 – Limited to 25 people. Prior to the trip, a presentation by Jason Pannone, Head of Reference, Cultural & Assets Manager at Raymond Library will be conducting a presentation on Thursday, June 6, 2019 at 6:00 pm. On Thursday, June 13, 2019 at 5:00 pm, a view of the 2017 documentary **MY LETTER TO THE WORLD** will be presented.

Bus Trip 2: No report

Cue & Curtain: Joan Coates reminded the Commission **3 ONE ACTS – The Diary of Adam & Eve** by Mark Twain; **Stage Directions** by Israel Horowitz; and **Marriage Proposal** by Anton Chekov performance will be held on Friday, May 17, 2019 at 7:30 pm, and Saturday, May 18, 2019 a 2:00 pm and 7:30 pm at East Hartford Cultural Community Center in the auditorium. General Admission is \$15.00 and Senior Citizens / Commission on Culture and Fine Arts is \$10.00.

Dance: Lisa Gold is in touch with Grace Wright and is checking on performance dates.

Sarah Morgan reported that the East Hartford Youth Services had a Special Recognition for Reggie Barall. Reggie received a Mayoral Proclamation and Legislative Citation - she ran the Circle of Life/Arts for All, Inc. for 17 years which provided positive youth programming through the arts, and has made a major impact in the lives of many East Hartford residents, old and young.

VI. APPROVAL OF BILLS:

\$80.00 Judith Beeman (Clerk's Fee)
\$115.00 Ken Longhorn – (Piano tuning May, 2019)
\$200.00 Poet John Stanizzi – (Reading at Library 5/23/2019)
\$500.00 Greater Hartford Opera Ensemble (June 2, 2019 At First Congregational Church)
\$750.00 Grace Wright (Caribbean Month dance performance at EH Library 6/29/2019)
\$1,000.00 Hartford Steel Symphony (6/29/2019 performance at EH Library)
\$350.00 Grace Wright Dance 2

Motion by: Dan Russell moved to approve the bills.

Second: Terrye Blackstone

All in Favor: Motion carried

- VII. MEMBER'S CONCERNS:** Joanne Covey proposed that funds be donated to EHSYF to help reduce the expenses of the youths' purchases for the summer program. To be discussed at the June, 2019 meeting.

Sponsorship for Japan Week in October was mention. Information on Japan week will be discussed at the June, 2019 meeting

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- IX. OLD BUSINESS:** An update on the 2018-2019 Budget was discussed.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by: Joanne Covey moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 pm

Second: Dan Russell

All in Favor: Motion carried

The next meeting of the Commission on Culture and Fine Arts will be held at 7:00 pm on Thursday, June 13, 2019 at the East Hartford Raymond Library, 840 Main St, East Hartford, CT 06108.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Beeman, Clerk