



TOWN OF EAST HARTFORD
Commission on Culture and Fine Arts
EHCCC
50 Chapman Place
East Hartford, CT 06108
MINUTES
Meeting of June 13, 2019

Acting Chair, Vice Chair Glynis McKenzie called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Joan Coates, Joanne Covey, Lisa Gold, Gloria Visgilio-Lupi, Glynis McKenzie, Sarah Morgan, Judy Okeson, Dan Russell, Betty Russell, Susan Tukey, and Rosamond White.

ABSENT: Regina Barall, Terry Blackstone, and Prescille Yamamoto are excused.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by: Judy Okeson moved to approve the May 9, 2019 minutes for the Commission on Culture and Fine Arts.

Second: Joanne Covey

Corrections: Under Roll Call – Dan Russell was present; under Caribbean Month- Correct name to Rosamond or Ros.

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

Abstained: Glynis McKenzie

III. CHAIR'S REPORT Glynis McKenzie received an email from Prescille Yamamoto with a list of various subjects to be brought up at the meeting.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE: N/A

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

EHSYF: Glynis McKenzie reported that they could not get the rights for **Fiddler on the Roof**; their second choice was **Guys and Dolls** – they couldn't get enough guys; their third choice will be **Godspell** which they have casted.

Graphic Artist: Glynn McKenzie spoke with Darin Senna from Hartford Sign and Design, a East Hartford business. She will bring in more information at the next meeting. Ros White suggested we open up a contest for the young people. Ros and Lisa Gold will follow-up on a youth contest and discuss at the next meeting.

Library Programs: Sarah Morgan commented on Poet John Stanizzi's May 23, 2019 reading. John had a fellow poet, Sam Norman, read first.

June 24, 2019 East Hartford Library Leadership Series at 6:30 pm.

June 29, 2019 Hartford Steel Symphony at 3:00 pm.

Mini Grants: Tracy Kane, Supervisor of Fine and Performing Arts, emailed Prescille Yamamoto on the Mini-Grants program. Ms Kane said she would like the program to be continued.

Music: Glynis McKenzie spoke regarding The Greater Hartford Opera Ensemble; a great performance with poor attendance. Gloria Visgilio-Lupi suggested that we should not book Paul Bisaccia and other programs too close together.

Lisa Gold has scheduled Grace Wright to perform on July 13, 2019 at 1:00 pm to be held at the East Hartford Library.

Poetry: Betty Russell inquired about Poet John Stanizzi's new book. Sarah Morgan said it has been ordered.

Glynis McKenzie has asked State Poet Laureate Margaret Gibson to do a reading; to be discussed further at the July 2019 meeting.

Sarah Morgan would like to make a note on Poetry: East Hartford is working to be certified through a program called Sustainable CT. One of the requirements is having a Poet Laureate.

Sarah Morgan, Library Director: Sarah Morgan reported that they have many programs involving their Summer Reading Program. The Library is having an Art Opening on Friday, June 28, 2019. An artist from the Makerspace Paper Theatre, which received an Arts Grant, will be having an opening from 5:00 – 8:00 pm. There will be storytelling and discussion on the project.

Sounds of Summer: Concerts begin June 27, 2019 at Great River Park.

Art League Festival – 2019: Sarah Morgan showed the Purchase Award to Commissioners. The Commission unanimously agreed to pay up to \$450 for the framing.

Art Programs/Demos/Exhibits: Sarah Morgan reminded the Commission to view the Henry Hammond Ahl Art Exhibit in the Library Atrium.

Glynis McKenzie is in the process of scheduling an Art Show at the Brewer House in September 2019, to be discussed at the July 2019 meeting.

Caricature Artist Bill Dougal illustrated caricature at the Senior Center Wednesday, June 12, 2019 at 1:00 pm.

Bus Trip 1: Joan Coates reminded the Commission that the Emily Dickinson Amherst bus trip is scheduled on Saturday, June 15, 2019. Leave at 8:30 am; arrive at 9:45 am; tour at 10:00 am. Tickets are \$20.00. The tour should take about one hour.

Bus Trip 2: To be discussed at the July meeting.

Caribbean Month: Ros White scheduled the Grace Wright performance for **Island Time** at the Library on Saturday, June 29, 2019 at 1:00 pm. Two movies, **Chrissy** on Thursday, June 13, 2019 and **A Tuba to Cuba** on Thursday, June 27, 2019 have been scheduled for Caribbean Month and both will be shown at the East Hartford Public Library at 2:30 pm in Meeting Room 1.

Cue & Curtain: Joan Coates commented on their May production.

Dance: Lisa Gold has scheduled Grace Wright performance 'Come and Learn Presentation' at the Library on July 13, 2019 at 1:00 pm.

VI. APPROVAL OF BILLS:

\$80.00 Judith Beeman (Clerk's Fee)
\$11.57 Joanne Covey (Miscellaneous supplies reimbursement)
\$1,330.00 East Hartford Library (Balance due NY Bus Trip Sept.2019
Consitution Coach, Inc
\$1,400.00 EHSYF (Defray registration fee)
\$450.00 East Hartford Library (toward Purchase Award Framing)
\$750.00 Sounds of Summer
\$350.00 Grace Wright Performance (July 13, 2019 @ 1pm at Library)
\$1,000.00 East Hartford Library (Contribution toward restoration of past Purchase Awards)
\$40.00 East Hartford Library (Reimb. Joanne Covey 6/13/19, meeting expenses)
\$500.00 East Hartford Library (Japan Week Tea Ceremony)

Motion by: Joanne Covey moved to approve the appropriate expenses herein.

Second: Susan Tukey

All in Favor: Motion carried

- VII. MEMBER'S CONCERNS:** Prescille Yamamoto received an email from Tracy Kane, Supervisor of Fine and Performing Arts, regarding sponsoring another The Teachers' Art Show. The Commission agreed to sponsor the Teachers' Art Show every other year.

- VIII. NEW BUSINESS:** 2019-2020 Budget was discussed. To be continued at the July 2019 meeting.

Glynis McKenzie thanked Joanne Covey for arranging the dinner meeting.

Discussion was held regarding a performance by Paul Bisaccia at Holiday Fest; more discussion in July.

- IX. OLD BUSINESS:** The Commission reviewed the revised By-Laws.

Motion by: Rosamond White moved to approve the revised By-Laws

Second: Joanne Covey

All in Favor: Motion carried

2018-2019 Budget: The balance of the 2018-2019 Budget was discussed and appropriate expenses dispersed.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by: Joanne Covey moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 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 pm on Thursday, July11, 2019 at East Hartford Community Cultural Center, 50 Chapman Place, Room 12, East Hartford, CT 06108.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Beeman, Clerk