



**TOWN OF EAST HARTFORD**  
**Commission on Culture and Fine Arts**  
**EHCCC**  
**50 Chapman Place**  
**East Hartford, CT 06108**  
**MINUTES**  
**Meeting of September 12, 2019**

Chair Prescille Yamamoto called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** Terrye Blackstone, Joanne Covey, Lisa Gold, Gloria Visgilio-Lupi, Sarah Morgan, Judy Okeson, Dan Russell, Betty Russell, Susan Tukey, Rosamond White, and Prescille Yamamoto.

**ABSENT:** Regina Barall. Excused are Joan Coates, and Glynis McKenzie.

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

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

**Second:** Rosamond White

**Corrections:** Agenda – Change date of minutes to July 11, 2019; Under Cue & Curtain -end of sentence should read 'lack of publicity'; Under Member's Concerns – change Sculpture to 'Sculptor'; Under Library Programs last paragraph-change Wednesday to 'Thursday';

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

**II. CHAIR'S REPORT:** Prescille Yamamoto responded to Tracy Kane, Supervisor Fine and Performing Arts, email regarding the Teachers' Art show that the Commission will be sponsoring the Teachers' Art show every other year.

**III. CORRESPONDENCE:** Paul Bisaccia emailed Prescille Yamamoto with confirmation for Holiday Fest.

**IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Art League Festival – 2020:** Sarah Morgan, Library Director announced that the 2020 Spring Art Festival is scheduled for Saturday, May 9, 2020.

**Art Programs/Demos/Exhibits:** Sarah Morgan, Library Director suggested a program sponsorship to celebrate Henry Hammond Ahl Birthday in January, 2020. Funding request \$250. The program includes having an art work contest with children creating art work that represents the season She also mentioned the restorations to be viewed at the birthday celebration.

**Black History:** Rosamond White discussed her ideas and is a work in progress.

**Bus Trip – NY:** Judy Okeson complimented Jason Pannone, Head of Reference and Culture Assets, from the East Hartford Library, for his presentation on the Hudson River Valley. He works hard and is very deep in his presentations which draw people to attend his presentations. Judy Okeson discussed the bus trip, congratulated Glynis McKenzie for the wonderful job she did arranging the trip, catered lunch, and tour. The feedback from people who attended, they were excited and impressed.

**Caribbean Month:** No report.

**Cue & Curtain Players, Inc.:** No report.

**Dance:** No report.

**Drama/Poetry/Poet Laureate:** No report.

**EHSYF:** Prescille Yamamoto commented on the production 'Godspell', it was very enjoyable.

**EHSYF TICKETS IN 2020:** No report.

**Film Series:** No report.

**Graphic Artist:** No report.

**Holiday Fest:** Paul Bisaccia to perform on Saturday, December 7, 2019 at First Congregational Church 2:00 pm. The concert is titled: **Christmas in Connecticut** with New York vocalist David Giardina and pianist Paul Bisaccia. Holiday Fest is scheduled December 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

**Japan Week:** Sarah Morgan, Library Director is hoping that Saturday's performance will cross promote with the Parks and Recreation's Fall Fest and Hartford Marathon. Japan Week's schedule:

Thursday, October 10, 2019 **LYNITA SHIMIZU OPENING RECEPTION @ 6:00 PM, Creative Common.**

Saturday, October 12 2019 **WOODBLOCK PRINT DRIP-IN DEMO WITH LYNITA SHIMIZU @ 2:00 PM, Creative Common.**

Tuesday, October 15, 2019 **JAPANESE TEA CEREMONY PERFORMANCE from 1:00 – 3:00 PM – Meeting Room 1.**

Wednesday, October 16, 2019 **CALIGRAPHY AND EMA MAKING 11:00 AM at the Senior Center.**

Thursday, October 17, 2019 **JAPANESE CLASSICAL DANCE PERFORMANCE & OLYMPIC DANCE LESSON @ 6:00 PM**

**Library Programs / Children Programs:** Sarah Morgan, Library Director had three proposals for review: 1) Carnival of Animals - \$500 sponsorship; 2) Hartford Symphony Instrument 'Petting Zoo' (winter)- \$500 sponsorship; 3) Nappy's Puppets (Jim Napolitano) (spring) \$400 sponsorship.

**Motion:** Judy Okeson made a motion to sponsor Hartford Symphony Instrument Petting Zoo \$500 and Nappy's Puppets \$400.

**Second:** Lisa Gold

**All in Favor:** Motion carried.

**Mini Grants:** Betty Russell reported that the Mini-Grant applications were sent to Tracy Kane, District Supervisor of Fine and Performing Arts, and her Secretary, Lisa Delgrego for distribution. The due date is October 24, 2019. The winners will be announced at the Commission on Culture and Fine Arts meeting November 14, 2019. The Mini-Grants Committee include Judy Okeson and Prescille Yamamoto.

**Music** No report.

**Poetry / Poet Laureate** No report.

**Sarah Morgan, Library Director:** Sarah Morgan, Library Director announced that two new Adult Services Librarians were hired, Rolande Duprey and Anna Eisen. Sarah is looking forward to an exciting upcoming year at the Library.

Sarah mentioned that the fall brochures for the Library programs are out.

Sarah also reminded the Commissioners that Bill Hosley Historian will be speaking on **TRAVELERS BUILDING AT 1:00** on Thursday, September 19, 2019 from 6:30-8:00 PM held at Creative Commons.

Sarah shared that there will be another **MAKER FAIR** on Saturday, September 28, 2019 from 9:00-5:00 PM at Creative Commons.

**Sounds of Summer:** No report.

#### **V. APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

\$80.00 Judith Beeman (Clerk's Fee)

\$250.00 East Hartford Library- Program 'Henry Hammond Ahi'(January, 2020)

**Motion by:** Dan Russell moved to approve the bills.

**Second:** Joanne Covey

**All in Favor:** Motion carried

#### **VI. MEMBER'S CONCERNS:** Prescille Yamamoto suggested to Sarah Morgan, Library Director to have the Purchase Award available for viewing at the next Commission meeting. Sarah Morgan mentioned that Jason Pannone and Raymond Tubbs are working on the Purchase Award framing and the other Purchase Award restoration work which are in progress

Rosamond White is looking into a performance from a local jazz singer from East Hartford.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS:** No report.

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS:** Terrye Blackstone commented that Ned Lomerson, a member of the East Hartford Art League, was written up in the West Hartford News Arts & Entertainment front page displaying his art work and will exhibits at Art League of New Britain show September 6 – 22, 2019

**IX. ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion by:** Joanne Covey moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00pm

**Second:** Gloria Visgilo-Lupi

**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, October 10, 2019 at the **Raymond Library** East Hartford Library's Lower Level, 840 Main St, East Hartford, CT 06108.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Beeman, Clerk