



TOWN OF EAST HARTFORD
Commission on Culture and Fine Arts
EHCCC
Raymond Library
840 Main St , Lower Level
East Hartford, CT 06108
MINUTES
Meeting of October 10, 2019

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

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: 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. Terrye Blackstone is excused.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by: Joanne Covey moved to approve the September 14, 2019 minutes for the Commission on Culture and Fine Arts.

Second: Gloria Visgilio Lupi

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

Abstained: Glynis McKenzie

II. CHAIR'S REPORT: Prescille Yamamoto announced the loss of Prescilla Wills, Judy Okeson's sister; and Maria Matuszak, who donated her extensive international doll collection to the Fine Arts Commission.

III. CORRESPONDENCE: Jerry Scheinfeldt scheduled the piano tuning for Tuesday, December 3, 2019, 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 from 9:30am – 1:30pm.

Art Programs/Demos/Exhibits: Glynis McKenzie has scheduled an Art Exhibit titled **"Progression,"** The Art of Pete, Garth, and Heather Wlochowski on November 1-3, 2019 at The Selden Brewer House. 167 Main St., East Hartford. Opening night is scheduled November 1st, 6:00-8:00 pm; Saturday, November 2nd, 10:00am – 5:00pm, and on Sunday November 3rd, 12:00 pm – 5:00pm. Special guest **Margaret Gibson, Connecticut's Poet Laureate** will do a reading 2:00 pm at the Art Exhibit on Sunday, November 3, 2019.

Art /Demos/Exhibits continued:

Glynis McKenzie requested to pay for the flyers and Gazette and Glastonbury Citizen's advertising

Holly Reed sent a Fall 2019 Schedule of Art Events to Glynis McKenzie and Sarah Morgan: Art Presentation @ EHCCC –**Artist Lisa Hennessey** teaches how to work with stained glass; Sunday, November 17, 2019 – **Art Tour of the Wadsworth Atheneum** with Bill Hosley tour guide, features the history of Wadsworth collections and on Sunday, December 15, 2019 - **Artist Shauna Shane** from Coventry. Holly also added on all program 'additional information to be forthcoming'.

Black History: Rosamond White discussed **Birthered Out of Africa** production – the objective is to help all students increase their comprehension of history, diversity, and appreciation of and respect of cultural differences scheduled for Saturday, February 29, 2020.

Sarah Morgan mentioned that Jason Pannone is working to schedule a program with Gwendolyn Quezaire Presutti, a living history artist who brings the stories of African Americans to life

Bus Trip: No report.

Caribbean Month: Rosamond White is in touch with the Hartford Steel Symphony and is in the process of setting a date for June, 2020.

Children Library Programs: Sarah Morgan, Library Director reported the Hartford Symphony Instrument **Petting Zoo** is scheduled for Saturday, February 1, 2020 at 2:00pm and that is 'International Take Your Child to The Library Day.' **Nappy's Puppets**, which is a shadow puppetry, will be scheduled during the spring vacation.

Dance: No report.

EHSYF: Joan Coates commented that they are working on fundraisers and show selections for 2020. Glynis McKenzie reported that they will be selling fudge at the November meeting and at the Fall Fest. For Holiday Fest several of the members are creating a modern retelling of the folktale **Stone Soup** which they will perform

EHSYF TICKETS IN 2020: To be discussed at the April 9, 2020 meeting.

Film Series: Glynis McKenzie is talking with John Bacon to schedule the dates.

Holiday Fest: Paul Bisaccia to perform on Saturday, December 7, 2020 at First Congregational Church 2:00 pm. The concert is titled: **Christmas in Connecticut** with New York vocalist David Giardina and pianist Paul Bisaccia. Betty Russell mentioned that the Commission will need to advertise for Paul Bisaccia Holiday Fest.

Holiday Fest is scheduled December 6th, 7th, 8th, 2019.

Sarah Morgan announced to the Commission that the Library will be celebrating Henry Hammond Ahi birthday party on that day, Holiday Fest.

Japan Week: Sarah Morgan, Library Director passed along a flyer on the upcoming Japan week events. Japan weeks program 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**

Logo: Rosamond White and Lisa Gold are finalizing their paperwork. The program is on hold until January, 2020.

Mini Grants: Betty Russell commented that the Mini-Grant applications were sent out to Tracy Kane, District Supervisor of Fine and Performing Arts, and her Secretary, Lisa Delgrego and will be picking up the applications on October 28, 2019.

Music: Sarah Morgan proposed Connecticut's New State Troubadour Neikta Waller to perform on Friday, February 7, 2020 after hours at the Library. She is requesting \$500 for co-sponsoring the event.

Motion: Glynis McKenzie moved to contribute \$500 co-sponsorship to State Troubadour Neikta Waller.

Second: Susan Tukey

All in Favor: Motion Carried

Rosamond White is looking into a local singer, a jazz musician.

Poetry / Poet Laureate Sarah Morgan has scheduled a joint poetry reading by John Stanizzi and Marilyn Johnson on Thursday, February 27, 2020 at 6:30 pm.

Motion: Joan Coates moved to pay a poetry honorarium of \$300

Second: Dan Russell

All in Favor: Motion carried

Glynis McKenzie reported that Poet Laureate's Margaret Gibson has a collection of books. Glynis is looking into the collection and pricing. She also asked for an honorarium of \$350.

Motion: by Rosamond White moved to pay \$350 honorarium to Poet Laureate Margaret Gibson.

Second: Susan Tukey

All in Favor: Motion carried

Sarah Morgan, Library Director: Sarah Morgan, Library Director reported that they have been busier at the Library this year versus last year. They have some new faces. Starting in November, 2019 they received a grant on Access Health enrollment location. They received a grant from Hartford Foundation of Public Giving for Census Outreach, posted a Census workshop, and in the next two months will be hiring Census jobs.

Sounds of Summer: No report.

V. APPROVAL OF BILLS:

\$80.00 Judith Beeman (Clerk's Fee)
\$50.00 The Gazette, Display Ads for Greater Hartford Opera 5/30/2019 and New York trip 9/6/2019
\$250.00 East Hartford Library- Program 'Henry Hammond Ahi'(January,2020)
\$350.00 Margaret Gibson, Poet Laureate November 3,2020 @ 2pm reading.
\$212.43 Hartford Courant Advertising for the 9/8/2019 New York Bus Trip

Motion: Rosamond White moved to pay the bills.

Second: Susan Tukey

All in Favor: Motion carried

VI. MEMBER'S CONCERNS: No report.

VII. NEW BUSINESS: No report.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS: No report.

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by: Rosamond White moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm

Second: Glynis McKenzie

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, November 14, 2019 at the EHCCC, 50 Chapman Place – Room 12, East Hartford, CT 06108.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Beeman, Clerk