



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

Chair Prescille Yamamoto called the meeting to order at 7:14 PM.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Lisa Gold, Glynis McKenzie, Sarah Morgan, Judy Okeson, Rosamond White, and Prescille Yamamoto.

ABSENT: Regina Barall, Joanne Covey, and Gloria Visgillo-Lupi. Excused are Terrye Blackstone, Joan Coates, Dan Russell, Betty Russell, and Susan Tukey

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Corrections: Roll Call -Second Motion: Rosamond White

- II. CHAIR'S REPORT:** Prescille Yamamoto asked Sarah Morgan Library Director to introduce her Adult Librarian guests Rolande Duprey and Anna Eisen. Both Rolande and Anna gave a brief synopsis of their prior experiences, their future plans for the library, and community outreach programs. They have scheduled a tech assistance and book club drop-in programs at the Senior Center once a month.

The Chair announced that there was not a quorum at this meeting.

Judy Okeson, Nominating Committee Chair announced the candidates for the annual meeting elections: Rosamond White as Chair, Lisa Gold as Vice Chair, and Joan Coates as Secretary. Voting will commence at the January 9, 2020 meeting. Judy Okeson will also bring up the concerns on the Historian position.

The Chair is concerned about upcoming Commission appointments.

- III. CORRESPONDENCE:** Linda Trzetzak, Finance Director sent a letter on how to fill out the budget and other forms that are due in January, 2020.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Black History: Rosamond White has scheduled **Birtherd Out of Africa**, a 70 minutes musical production for Saturday February 29, 2019 at 3:30 pm, (Snow date March 7, 2020) Opening Act will be performed by Drummer Alvin Carter, Jr.

Sarah Morgan, Library Director reported that she has scheduled Tammy Denease Richardson who will perform a character from **'Hidden Women'** on Saturday February 15, 2020 at 3:00 pm.

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Bus Trip: No report.

Caribbean Month: Rosamond White has the Steel Band already booked.

Children Library Programs: Sarah Morgan, Library Director reported the **Hartford Symphony Orchestra's Instrument Discovery Lab** is scheduled for Saturday, February 1, 2020 at 2:00pm. 'International Take Your Child to the Library Day.' is also scheduled for that day.

Dance: No report.

EHSYF: Glynis McKenzie commented they have selected a performance and will be revealed in February, 2020 after their reveal party.

EHSYF TICKETS IN 2020: April 9, 2020 discussion.

Film Series: Glynis McKenzie mentioned that the films will be shown on the third Saturday at 7:00 pm. The following films are as follows: *Red Joan* – show date January 18, 2020; *Shoplifters* – show date February 15, 2020; *The Guilty* – March 21, 2020; *Women at War* – April 18, 2020.

Holiday Fest: Prescille Yamamoto was disappointed in the attendance for vocalist David Giardina and pianist Paul Bisaccia. She commented that it was one of their best performances.

Sarah Morgan commented about the Henry Hammond Ahi's 150th Birthday Party

Prescille Yamamoto commented that the EHSYF performance of 'Stone Soup' was a great production.

Logo: January/February 2020 discussion.

Mini Grants: No report.

Music: Sarah Morgan reminded the Commissioners that **New State Troubadour Neikta Waller** to perform on **Friday, February 7, 2020** after hours at the Library 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm.

Poetry / Poet Laureate: A poetry reading by **John Stanizzi and Marilyn Johnson** will be held on **Thursday, February 27, 2020 at 6:30 pm.**

Sarah Morgan, Library Director: Sarah Morgan reported that Nancy Larson is on the part time staff of the Library and is attending the schools December, 2019 concerts on behalf of the Library.

At the January, 2020 meeting Sarah will present the Library Budget.

She reported that the Library's Winter Schedule is out.

Sounds of Summer: No report.

Art League Festival 2020: Scheduled Saturday, May 9, 2020 from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm.

Art Programs/Demos/Exhibits Glynis McKenzie received correspondence from Holly Reid at the Art League and reported that **Shauna Shane will demonstrate farm landscapes on Sunday, January 12, 2020 from 2-4 pm.** They are requesting the Commission to sponsor the demonstration and an honorarium of \$125.

V. APPROVAL OF BILLS:

\$80.00 Judith Beeman (Clerk's Fee)
\$125.00 Shauna Shane (Art demonstration 1/12/2020)
\$39.67 Glynis McKenzie (Reimburse Red Joan and Guilty – Films series)
\$32.97 Glynis McKenzie (Reimburse Shoplifters and Women at War – Film Series)
\$99.00 Glastonbury Citizen (Advertisement 11/1-3/2019 Art Exhibit/Poetry reading)
\$960.00 Swank Motion Pictures, Inc. (4 films to be shown)

VI. MEMBER'S CONCERNS: No report.

VII. NEW BUSINESS: The Historic Society honored Dan and Betty Russell for their years of service on December 8, 2019.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS: No report.

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by: Lisa Gold moved to adjourn the meeting 7:57 pm

Second: Judy Okeson

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, January 9, 2020 at the EHCCC, 50 Chapman Place – Room 12, East Hartford, CT 06108.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Beeman, Clerk