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**AGENDA**  
**COMMISSION ON CULTURE AND FINE ARTS**  
**EHCCC**

50 Chapman Place, Room 12  
East Hartford, CT 06108  
Thursday, December 12, 2019  
7:00 p.m.

- I. Roll Call**
- II. Approval of Minutes – November 14, 2019**
- III. Chair's Report - Election of Officers**
- IV. Correspondence**
- V. Committee Report:**
  - **Bus Trip**
  - **Caribbean Month**
  - **Children Library Programs**
  - **EHSYF**
  - **EHSYF – Tickets 2020 (April 9, 2020 Discussion)**
  - **Film Series**
  - **Holiday Fest**
  - **Logo (January/February 2020 Discussion)**
  - **Mini Grants**
  - **Music**
  - **Poetry / Poet Laureate**
  - **Sarah Morgan, Library Director**
  - **Sounds of Summer**
  - **Art League Festival 2020 - Saturday, May 9, 2020**
  - **Art Programs/Demos/Exhibits**
  - **Black History**
- VI. Old Business**
- VII. New Business – Election of Officers**
- VIII. Approval of Bills**
- IX. Member's Concerns**
- X. Adjournment**



**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 November 14, 2019**

Chair Prescille Yamamoto called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**ABSENT:** Regina Barall. Terrye Blackstone, Joanne Covey, and Gloria Visgilio-Lupi are excused.

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Motion by:** Betty Russell moved to approve the November 14, 2019 minutes for the Commission on Culture and Fine Arts.

**Second:** Gloria Rosamond White

**Corrections:** Roll Call - Add Joan Coates and Glynis McKenzie who were present; Chair's Report- Judy Okeson's sister-in-law; EHSYF - at the end of the paragraph add 'they will perform on December 7, 2019'; Under Poetry/Poet Laureate – add 'Margaret Gibson has published a collection of books.'

**All in favor:** Motion carried.

**II. CHAIR'S REPORT:** Prescille Yamamoto reviewed the 2020 Calendar meeting dates with the Commission, and was unanimously approved by the Commission.

**III.** She announced Election of Officers will be held next month and appointed a nominating committee: Judy Okeson is the nominating committee chair, Lisa Gold, and Glynis McKenzie.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Prescille Yamamoto received an e-mail from Kim Cumming, Accounting Assistant East Hartford Finance Department with a word of caution: 'All bills that are accepted at meetings to be paid must be accompanied with an Invoice.'

**IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Art Programs/Demos/Exhibits** – Glynis McKenzie reported that the November 1-3, 2019 Art Show at the Brewer House was well attended, and many of the exhibits were sold. She thanked Shop-Rite and Putnam Plaza Super Liquors for their donations to the Art Show.

**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 Gwendolyn Quezaire Presutti was not available. She has scheduled Tammy Denease Richardson who will be perform a character from '**Hidden Women**' on Saturday February 15, 2020 at 3:00 pm.

**Bus Trip:** No report.

**Caribbean Month:** No report.

**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 discussed next summer's show and they are considering 5 programs.

**EHSYF TICKETS IN 2020:** April 9, 2020 discussion.

**Film Series:** Glynis McKenzie mentioned John Bacon will be showing the films. The films will go back to Saturday showing. Glynis will announce the names of the films at the next meeting.

**Holiday Fest:** Holiday Fest is scheduled December 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

On Saturday, December 7, 2020 the concert performance titled **Christmas in Connecticut** will be held at First Congregational Church at 2:00 pm with New York vocalist **David Giardina** and pianist **Paul Bisaccia**.

The East Hartford Library will be celebrating **Henry Hammond Ahi's 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday-2:00-3:00 pm** during Holiday Fest on December 7, 2019.

**Japan Week:** Sarah Morgan, Library Director reported that Japan Week was successful. The Senior Center enjoyed the Calligraphy program.

Sarah stated she has hired two new adult services librarians and is looking forward to a future partnership with the Senior Center.

**Logo:** January/February 2020 discussion.

**Mini Grants:** Betty Russell reported the awarded Mini Grants as follows

**Mini-Grants continued:**

<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>TEACHER</u>	<u>REQUESTED AMOUNT</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>AMOUNT AWARDED</u>
EHHS	Elizabeth Pertesis	\$300	½ Day Pottery Wheel Demo	\$300
EHHS	Anna Lesley	\$500	String Quartet	\$500
EHHS	Nick Diaz	\$500	String Quartet	\$500
Norris	Robin Russotto	\$500	Steve's Songs	\$500
Pitkin	Katie Farber	\$500	Steve's Songs	\$500
Silver Lane	Dana Saccomano	\$500	Performance & Workshop	
			Lollipop Opera	\$500
Sunset Ridge	Catalina Ridge	\$500	Trans.cost to NY City/Lion King	\$500
				<u>\$3,300 TOTAL</u>

**Mini Grants Continued:**

**Motion:** Judy Okeson moved to pay \$3,300 Mini Grants Awards

**Second:** Lisa Gold

**All in Favor:** Motion Carried

**Music:** Sarah Morgan has scheduled **New State Troubadour Neikta Waller to perform on Friday, February 7, 2020** after hours at the Library.

**Poetry / Poet Laureate:** Glynis McKenzie reported that she had a great turnout for the Poet Laureate Margaret Gibston's' reading on November 3, 2019.

Glynis McKenzie reported that Poet Laureate's Margaret Gibson has published a collection of books. She presented an invoice for \$140 for her published book collection that will be donated to the East Hartford Public Library.

**Motion:** by Rosamond White moved to pay \$140 for Poet Laureate Margaret Gibson published book collection.

**Second:** Susan Tukey

**All in Favor:** Motion carried

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

**Sarah Morgan, Library Director:** Sarah Morgan reported on the activities for Holiday Fest, Printing of posters contest, and WWI Veteran's event. The Wickham Library's renovations are coming along nicely.

**Sounds of Summer:** No report.

**Art League Festival 2020:** Scheduled Saturday, May 9, 2020 – 9:30 am – 1:30 pm.

**V. APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

**Motion:** Judy Okeson moved to pay East Hartford Public Library \$1,000 for Japan Week.

**Second:** Dan Russell

**All in Favor:** Motion Carried

**APPROVAL OF BILLS Continued:**

\$80.00 Judith Beeman (Clerk's Fee)  
\$500.00 East Hartford Library -Co-sponsor Nekita Waller, State Troubadour  
Concert February 7, 2020  
\$300.00 East Hartford Library – Marilyn Johnson/John Stanizzi poetry reading  
February 27, 2020.  
\$3,300.00 Mini Grants Awards  
\$140.00 Margaret Gibson, (Poet Laureate's seven published book collection donated to the  
East Hartford Public Library.  
\$119.64 Glynis McKenzie (Reimburse for Peter Wlochowski Brochures for Art Exhibit)  
\$1,000.00 East Hartford Public Library (Co-sponsor Japan Week)  
\$800.00 David Giardina, Vocalist (Holiday Fest December 7, 2019)  
\$800.00 Paul Bisaccia, Pianist (Holiday Fest December 7, 2019)  
\$500.00 Hartford Symphony Program (East Hartford Public Library Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019)

**Motion:** Joan Coates moved to pay the bills.

**Second:** Susan Tukey

**All in Favor:** Motion carried

**VI. MEMBER'S CONCERNS:** Glynis McKenzie will be selling fudge as a fundraiser for the EHSYF at the next meeting.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS:** Glynis McKenzie reminded the Commission to bring in finger food at the next meeting for a Holiday Basket for the Parks & Rec staff.

Refreshments may be brought in for a Holiday Celebration for the Commissioners.

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS:** No report.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion by:** Rosamond White moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm

**Second:** Susan Tukey

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

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Beeman, Clerk