



**TOWN OF EAST HARTFORD**  
**Commission on Culture and Fine Arts**  
**EHCCC**  
**50 Chapman Place**  
**East Hartford, CT 06108**  
**MINUTES**  
**Meeting of September 13, 2018**

Prescille Yamamoto called the meeting to order at 7:05p.m.

**I. ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** Regina Barall, Terrye Blackstone, Joan Coates, Joanne Covey, Glynis McKenzie, Gloria Visgilio-Lupi, Judy Okeson, Maureen Rodgers, Dan Russell, Betty Russell, Florence Schroeter, Susan Tukey, and Prescille Yamamoto.

**ABSENT:** Robert Dorn, Todney Harris, and Karen Howe. Lisa Gold is excused.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Motion by:** Maureen Rodgers moved to approve the July 12, 2018 minutes for the Commission on Culture and Fine Arts.

**Second:** Joanne Covey

**All in Favor:** Motion Carried

**III. CHAIR'S REPORT:** The Chair received the 2018-2019 Budget amount from Mike Walsh, Finance Director. The 2018-2019 Budget will be \$20,648.00.

The Chair received information from Sarah Morgan, Library Director, on Historical Firsts, Telling the Stories of Powerful Women. She recommended sponsoring a program at the Raymond Library in February 2019 for Black History Month on 'Interpretations, Past & Present' by Tammy Denease Richardson.

The Chair announced that she received a plaque from the EHSYF on July 27, 2018. It "Proudly recognizes the East Hartford Commission on Culture and Fine Arts for their continued support and dedication to the EHSYF and its commitment to the Arts in the community."

**IV. CORRESPONDENCE:** The Chair received a letter recognizing Joan Coates' appointment as a member on the Commission on Culture and Fine Arts from Mayor Marsha Leclerc, which was approved by the Town Council. The term of this appointment expires in December, 2021.

**V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Art League Festival:** Terrye Blackstone would like the same as the 2017-2018 Budget request of \$2,000. The Art Festival is scheduled for Saturday, May 11, 2019 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

**Art Programs:** Terrye Blackstone gave a list of art programs proposed for the 2018 – 2019 year by the Art League. She was reminded that the Commission needs a month's notice for sponsorship, the name of the Artist (W9 form if not on record with the town), and the date of proposed programs. The Commission cannot give a check payable to the Art League for the program. A \$1,000 was allocated to the 2018-2019 Budget.

**Art Show – Teachers:** Maureen Rodgers is in contact with Tracy Kane, Supervisor of Fine and Performing Arts for East Hartford Public Schools and is looking for a list of teachers/artists and the number of pieces they will be exhibiting by October 12, 2018 in order to put a program together. Glynis McKenzie asked for a headcount. The Teachers Art Show will be held at the Brewer House on Friday November 2, 2018 from 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm and on Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm.

**Black History:** Tammy Denease Richardson - works for the Connecticut Landmarks, she is working with the Connecticut Humanities Council, and Sarah Morgan, Library Director suggested she might be able to get some funding from them. To be further discussed at the October meeting.

**Bus Trip:** Glynis McKenzie mentioned that she and Judy Okeson are still waiting for the information to the Hudson River Valley to visit homes of artists from the Hudson River School of Painting.

Joan Coates proposed working with the library staff on a trip to Emily Dickson Museum. She proposed \$1,000 to the 2018-2019 Budget. This Commission agreed to a spring trip.

**Cue & Curtain Players:** Joan Coates reminded Commissioners that they will be performing “Deathtrap” by Ira Levin on November 9 and 10, 2018 to be held at the East Hartford Cultural Community Center. She proposed \$1,000 for the 2018-2019 Budget.

**Dance:** Reggie Barall announced on Sunday, November 11, 2019 she has scheduled a program on ‘Diversified Vintage Ballroom Dancing and A Veterans Tribute’ to be held at her studio from 1:00 to 5:00 pm. At the October 11, 2018 meeting she will present a program and budget.

**Dance:** Precille Yamamoto was advised that Lisa Gold will present a dance and will discuss at the October 11, 2018 meeting.

**EHSYF:** No report.

**Film Series:** Glynis McKenzie was informed by Tim McLaughlin that he is moving out of state. Tim provided all the equipment and screened the film.

**Holiday Fest:** Florence Schroeter was in touch with Paul Bisaccia who will be performing at First Church on Sunday, December 9, 2018 at 2:00 pm. His cost will be \$800. This will be the Commissions contribution to the Holiday Fest.

Betty Russell announced that she is no longer on the Beautification Committee.

**Library Programs:** The Commission discussed ‘Peter and the Wolf,’ one of the programs Sarah Morgan recommended.

**Mini Grants:** Betty Russell reported she sent out the revised Mini-Grants applications to Tracy Kane on September 12, 2018. The deadline for the applications is October 19, 2018. The Committee, which includes Betty Russell, Judy Okeson and Precille Yamamoto, will review the applications and announce the awards on November 8, 2019.

**Music:** Glynis McKenzie spoke with Nancy of The Greater Hartford Opera Ensemble and asked Commissioners if they had a preferred date for a performance in May or June 2019 and is awaiting to hear the cost.

Joanne Covey suggested an opera. There is an opera company out of Middletown that she will check into and present at the next meeting.

**Poetry:** Maureen Rodgers would like the Commission to sponsor Poet John Stanizzi in the 2018-2019 Budget - \$150.

Susan Tukey would like to include Poet Harry White in the 2018-2019 Budget not to exceed \$250.

**Poet Laureate:** No report.

**Sarah Morgan, Library Director:** No report.

**Sounds of Summer:** Prescille Yamamoto commented that the Al Fenton Big Band performed at the Sounds of Summer.

**VI. APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

\$80.00 Judith Beeman (Clerk's Fee)

**Motion by:** Joanne Covey moved to approve the bills.

**Second:** Maureen Rodgers

**All in Favor:** Motion carried

**VII. MEMBER'S CONCERNS:** No report.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS:** No Report.

**IX. OLD BUSINESS:** Dan Russell is working on the Logo and Commissioners were reminded that the Commission's logo was discussed with Richard Kehoe, Chairman of the East Hartford Town Council. Richard suggested presenting costs for new logo designs to the Council. Prescille Yamamoto and Sarah Morgan will go over the By-Laws with Corporate Council.

**X. ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion by:** Maureen Rodgers moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 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 p.m. on Thursday, October 11, 2018 at the East Hartford Community Cultural Center, 50 Chapman Place, East Hartford, Connecticut, in Room 12.

Respectfully submitted,

*Judith Beeman*

Judith Beeman, Clerk