



TOWN OF EAST HARTFORD
Commission on Culture and Fine Arts
EHCCC
50 Chapman Place
East Hartford, CT 06108
MINUTES
Meeting of November 8, 2018

Prescille Yamamoto called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Regina Barall, Joan Coates, Joanne Covey, Lisa Gold, Glynis McKenzie, Judy Okeson, and Prescille Yamamoto.

ABSENT: Robert Dorn, Karen Howe, Gloria Visgilio- Lupi, and Susan Tukey. Excused are Terrye Blackstone, Florence Schroeter, Dan Russell, and Betty Russell.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by: Joanne Covey moved to approve the October 11, 2018 minutes for the Commission on Culture and Fine Arts.

Second: Joan Coates

All in Favor: Motion Carried

Abstained: Glynis McKenzie and Judy Okeson.

III. CHAIR'S REPORT: The Chair announced that Commissioner Todney Harris has passed away. Mayor Marcia Leclerc has removed Commissioner Karen Howe from the Commission on Culture and Fine Arts. Commissioner Maureen Rodgers has relocated out of town and gave her resignation effective Monday, November 12, 2018.

The Chair was pleased to comment on the successful outcome and those attended at the Teachers Art Show. Susan Kent and Robert Monti, who were past exhibitors also attended. The Chair sent out thank you for attending email notes and received responses as follows: Mayor Marcia Leclerc responded "thank you, when it gets on my calendar, I'm happy to attend." Superintendent of Schools Nate Quesnal attended and responded with a thank you; Tracy Kane, Supervisor of Fine and Performing Arts responded "It seemed to be a great turnout and I thoroughly enjoyed myself. Congratulations."; Becky Johansen, Secretary of Fine and Performing Arts responded on how her daughter loved seeing the Art especially the owl.

Becky Johansen sent the Chair a Fine and Performing Arts Schedule of Events for the 2018 - 2019 year. The Chair will share upcoming events with Commission.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE: The Chair received a letter recognizing Rosamond White's appointment as a member on the Commission on Culture and Fine Arts from Mayor Marcia Leclerc, which was approved by the Town Council. The term of this appointment expires in December, 2019 – to be sworn in by the Town Clerk's office on November 30, 2018.

The Chair received a letter from Raymond Tubbs, Fine Arts & Cultural Assets Consultant on how well received the recent Stanwyck Cromwell exhibition went. He also mentioned that the Commission is to be commended for making this outstanding acquisition, the selected piece "Multi-Cultural America". It truly enriches the collection, it is a work of high quality with broad multi-cultural, multi-generational appeal.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Art Show – Teachers: Prescille Yamamoto received an email from Maureen Rodgers who reported the following: The Teachers Art Show held at the Selden Brewer House opened on November 2nd with a wine and cheese reception. Five teachers participated and exhibited a total of 25 pieces. Attendance on Friday was very good. Among the guests were Mayor Marcia Leclerc, Superintendent Nate Quesnel, State Representative Jeff Currey, Town Council Members Joe Carlson and Marc Steinberg, and Head of Fine and Performing Arts Tracy Kane. A number of teachers and townspeople also attended.

I would like to thank Dan Russell for helping with the set-up and sitting with me on Saturday. Thank you also to Glynis McKenzie for getting the donations of wine from Putnam Plaza Super Liquors and the cheese, crackers, and grapes from Shop Rite. Thanks to Prescille Yamamoto for help with preparation on Friday night and packing up on Saturday.

Black History: No report.

Bus Trip: Joan Coates is working with the library on scheduling a date to the Emily Dickson Museum.

Cue & Curtain Players: Joan Coates reminded the Commission that “Deathtrap” by Ira Levin will be performing Friday, November 9, 2018 at 7:30 pm and on Saturday, November 10, 2018 at 2:00 pm and at 7:30 pm to be held at EHCCC. Tickets are \$12 for Seniors and \$10 for Commissioners.

Dance: Reggie Barall reported on the program she has scheduled on Sunday, November 11, 2019 ‘Diversified Vintage Ballroom Dancing and A Veterans Tribute’ and reminded the Commissioners it will be held at her studio from 1:00 to 5:00 pm.

Dance: Lisa Gold spoke with Jolet at Studio 860. A January, 2019 date will work and is working with Sarah Morgan to schedule a date. Her fee will be \$350.

EHSYF: Joan Coates commented that they have several programs to look at and will vote on next week.

Film Series: Glynis McKenzie has met with a few who were interested and is still looking for a projectionist.

Holiday Fest: Prescille Yamamoto reminded the Commissioners that Paul Bisaccia will be performing ‘Classic Christmas – Jazz Christmas’ at First Church on Sunday, December 9, 2018 at 2:00 pm. She passed out posters to the Commissioners to put up around town for the concert.

Library Programs: No report.

Mini Grants: Judy Okeson reported on the awarded Mini Grants totaling \$2,300 as follows:

<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>TEACHER</u>	<u>REQUESTED AMOUNT</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>AMOUNT AWARDED</u>
EHHS	Elizabeth Pertesis	\$300	Potter Master Class	\$300
O’Connell West	Dana Saccomano	\$500	Performance & Workshop	
			Lollipop Opera	\$500
Pitkin	Katie Farber	\$500	New Haven Symphony –	
			Instrument Zoo	\$500
Sunset Ridge	Kathy Neri	\$500	Jazz Band Master Class	\$500
Sunset Ridge	Rebecca Corcoran	\$500	Field Trip – Broadway	<u>\$500</u>
				\$2,300 TOTAL

Motion: Judy Okeson moved to pay \$2,300 Mini Grants Awards

Second: Lisa Gold

All in Favor: Motion Carried

Music: Glynis McKenzie is in contact with The Greater Hartford Opera Ensemble and will follow-up.

Joanne Covey is looking into making a connection with the Russian Chorus Group.

Poetry: Sarah Morgan, Library Director has scheduled 'An Evening with Poet John Stanizzi' on December 3, 2018 in Meeting Room 1, from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm at the Raymond Library.

Poet Laureate: No report.

Sarah Morgan, Library Director: No Report

Sounds of Summer: No report.

Art League Festival: No report.

Art Programs/Demos/Exhibits: Terrye Blackstone left a message for the Chair to announce that on Sunday, November 18, 2018, Canton sculpture Marilyn Thrall will demonstrate how she creates sculptures that captures simple moments in time. This presentation will be held at 2:30 pm, Room 12 at EHCCC. It is free to the public.

Motion by: Joanne Covey moved to pay \$150 for the demonstration

Second: Joan Coates

All in Favor: Motion carried

VI. APPROVAL OF BILLS:

\$80.00	Judith Beeman (Clerk's Fee)
\$2,300.00	Mini Grants Awards
\$800.00	Paul Bisaccia December 9, 2018 performance.
\$150.00	MarilynThrall, Art League sculpture program November 18, 2018

Motion by: moved to approve the bills.

Second: Joanne Covey

All in Favor: Motion carried

VII. MEMBER'S CONCERNS: Glynis McKenzie reminded the Commissioners to bring in finger foods for the Holiday Basket, as practiced in the past, to the December 13, 2018 meeting.

Judy Okeson announced that an election for Vice Chair be carried out at the December 13, 2018 meeting.

Lisa Gold reported on how she helped with social media and publicity, through her work by Shawn Kelly who reached out to the station's Sales Department, for the Cue and Curtain performance on November 9 – 10, 2018.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS: The Commissioners reviewed the added items in the budget.

IX. OLD BUSINESS: Glynis McKenzie mentioned a graphic artist, Garth Wlochowsky. She is meeting with him and will give a report at the next meeting.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by: Joanne Covey moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:25pm

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 p.m. on Thursday, December 13, 2018 at the East Hartford Community Cultural Center, 50 Chapman Place, East Hartford, Connecticut, in Room 12.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Beeman

Judith Beeman, Clerk