



**Town of East Hartford  
Commission on Culture and Fine Arts  
740 Main St.  
East Hartford, CT 06108-3114**

East Hartford Raymond Library  
840 Main Street  
Meeting Minutes  
May 11, 2023

**CALL TO ORDER:** Vice Chair Lisa Gold called meeting to order at 7:10PM

**I. ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** Amanda Ackley, Tamara Bryan-Chuchro, Joan Coates, Lisa Gold and  
Prescille Yamamoto

**ALSO PRESENT:** Sarah Morgan, Library Director

**ABSENT:** Michael MacDonald, Glynis McKenzie, Emilio Estrella, Susan Tukey, Lakisher  
K. Hurst, Thomas Lumpkin and Roz White.

Vice Chair Lisa Gold stated there is no quorum. No business decisions or votes can be taken.

**II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: April 13, 2023**

**III. CHAIR'S REPORT:**

No report

**IV. CORRESPONDENCE:**

none

**V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Library report:**

- Japan Week was very successful, with 175 participants. We're planning the next Japan Week for October 2024 (based on performer availability/preference).
- Wickham Library opened on Monday, May 8. Hours are M/W/F, 10 – 5; T/Th, 1 – 8.
- Library staff have been attending (and presenting programs at) conferences this week and last: Connecticut Library Association & Connecticut Education Network.
- Monday, May 15 is the annual meeting of the Raymond Library Company, the nonprofit that owns the Raymond Library Building. The library director attends the meeting to provide an update on the state of the library.

RE funding: We found alternate funding for our summer reading kickoff so we will return \$1850 via transfer to the CCFA budget for the current fiscal year.

**EHSYF:** Production of NEWIES is the last week of July.

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**MINI-GRANT:** no report

**FILM SERIES:** no report

**MUSIC/DANCE/POETRY:**

Com. Tamara reported on a Spoken Word Poetry Night; working on a date with the Library. Next month will have more information.

**ARTS-** no report

**IMMIGRATION EVENTS:** Japan week see Library - see Library Director's report

**NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURE:** no report.

**VI: OLD BUSINESS:** Japan week-see Library Director's report

**VII: NEW BUSINESS:**

New ideas/projects – none discussed

Juneteenth – will be on June 17, 2023 at Town's Greene; noon to 4 PM

EH based Ghanaian drummers and Tammy Denease will be perform – update by Sarah Morgan

Sounds of Summer – East Hartford Night. No update

**VIII: APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

Clerk for meeting - \$100.

**IX: MEMBER'S CONCERNS:**

P. Yamamoto would like an accounting of funds; a document of the budget. Volunteers to keep track of budget. Questions regarding if the commission can have a Treasurer. Sarah Morgan sees nothing in the by-laws regarding a Treasurer.

**X: ADJOURNMENT:**

Adjourned at 7:40 PM

*Next meeting will be June 8, 2023, at the EH Library in Meeting Room 1*