



**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
June 8, 2023

Robert J. Rank

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TOWN CLERK
EAST HARTFORD

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Roz White called meeting to order at 7:02PM

I. ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Amanda Ackley, Michael MacDonald, Joan Coates, Lisa Gold, Glynis McKenzie, Susan Tukey, Thomas Lumpkin, Prescille Yamamoto and Roz White

ALSO PRESENT: Sarah Morgan, Library Director

ABSENT: Tamara Bryan-Chuchro, Emilio Estrella- excused and Lakisher K. Hurst

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: April 13, 2023

Motion to approve minutes of April 13 made by Comm. P. Yamamoto and seconded by Comm. J. Coates. Motion passed with one abstention (8-1)

Motion to approve minutes of May 11 made by Comm. P. Yamamoto and seconded by Comm. J. Coates. Motion passed with abstention (8-1)

III. CHAIR'S REPORT:

Chair reviewed the budget report with the Commission. Transfer of funds to different line item objectives were made. Special events balance is now \$4614.59 and our total balance is \$4964.59.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE: none

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Library report:

Director Sarah Morgan shared with the Commission a guide to Governance, Laws and Eligibility. East Hartford is considered a Municipal, Public Library.

The Summer Reading kickoff was a great success. 150 people were in attendance, it is for all ages. Many tables from town departments were in attendance, games were set up for the children. Participants choose their own reading goal. Prizes of gift cards donated by area business.

Sarah showed a PowerPoint of the Library's Directory Tree. There are 15 full time and 25 part time staff. Sarah explained what the director oversees, what the assistant director oversees and the responsibilities of each employee.

The library will be fine free as of July 1.

The Intersections Concert Series with 5 concerts had a total attendance of 479 people.

Chair asked about the summer reading program. Sarah clarified that it is set your own goal but with a minimum of 2 books must be read.

EHSYF: Comm. Joan Coates reports that rehearsals will start on June 20th for NEWIES. The show dates are July 28, 29 and 30.

Comm. Glynis McKenzie reported on the Cabaret. It was well attended. It raised \$2400. A donation of \$1000 brought the monies raised to \$3400. Approximately 50 auction items.

MINI-GRANT: 2023/2024 no report

FILM SERIES: 2023/2024 no report

MUSIC/DANCE/POETRY: 2023/2024

Comm. Amanda Ackley reported 10 collectively attended for the free dance class.

ARTS: 2023/2024 no report

IMMIGRATION EVENTS: 2023/2024 no report

NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURE: 2023/2024

Chair states will get back to Commission after July

VI: OLD BUSINESS: none

VII: NEW BUSINESS:

New ideas/projects

Summer on the lawn- will have the steel band

Farmer's Market- Tuesday evenings 3Pm-6Pm; maybe showcase local artists

Juneteenth – will be on June 17th. A request by Connor Martin to sponsor entertainment.

Sounds of Summer – Community Night will be July 27, Sound Pipers will be entertainment

Discussion held on Paul Bisaccia and collaboration with the Beautification Committee.

Chair to reach out to Bell Ringers per the request of the Mayor.

Motion by Comm. Glynis McKenzie to subsidize registration fees for EHSYF of \$35. For 40 people-total of \$1400. Motion seconded by Comm. P. Yamamoto. All in favor. Motion passed.

VIII: APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Clerk for meeting - \$100.

Piano tuning \$150.

Sounds of Summer \$1500.

Juneteenth \$800

EHSYF \$1400

Comm. Glynis McKenzie motion to approve bills with remaining balance of \$750 TBD. Motion seconded by Comm. T. Lumpkin. All in favor. Motion passed.

IX: MEMBER'S CONCERNS:

Comm. P. Yamamoto would like clarification regarding \$100 gift to Paul Bisaccia. Chair states check was mailed to him.

Comm. McKenzie announces that Comm. Tom Lumpkin will be performing for Juneteenth on the Town Green at noon.

X: ADJOURNMENT:

Motion at adjourn made by Comm. G. McKenzie and seconded by Comm. Joan Coates. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM

Next meeting will be July 13, 2023, at the EH Library in Meeting Room 1

Minutes respectively submitted,
Sana Hart-Clerk