



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
East Hartford, CT 06108
Meeting
September 8, 2022

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Joan Coates-Secretary, Lisa Gold-Vice Chair, Glynis McKenzie, Sarah Morgan, Emilio Estrella, Susan Tukey, Prescille Yamamoto and Rosamond White-Chair.
**** Via phone Tamara Bryan-Chuchro.

EXCUSED: Lakisher Hurst

UNEXCUSED: Annabelle Diaz, Michael MacDonald, and Thomas Lumpkin

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Roz White called the meeting to order at 7:16 pm

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: July 14, 2022 minutes tabled until next month – no quorum

CHAIR'S REPORT: Sounds of Summer great success, especially East Hartford Night sponsored by the commission. The band was Cover2Cover from East Hartford. Youth Services provided ice cones on EH night. It is important that commission members attend commission sponsored events to understand the how, why and what is needed by the community.
The Chair would like for the board members to think of an event for the special need population.

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Children Library Programs and Library Director's Report:**

1. Art Show-collaboration with Historical Society; 75-100 in attendance. Two purchase awards this year. Emilio Estrella and his fiancé, painting by artist John Hsu. Needs to be framed, estimate from Hartford Framing is \$400. Since no request for funding in this year's budget for Purchase Award, requesting funding for framing of Hsu painting.
2. Funding transferred from Arts in Learning to Jazz Group Performers-Ed Fast Band was a phenomenal success.
3. 111 programs offered to summer campers, 4033 participants. 720 Park & Rec campers. Need outreach to parents to keep them update on the programs that are offered to the campers

4. Wickham Library – timeline. September 21 opening not likely. Soft opening maybe late October
5. The process of speaking to stakeholders for the Wickham outreach is on hold. EH libraries have been chosen to participate in “Libraries without Borders” It is a U.S. branch that goes to communities where library attendance is low. They will pilot a program and setup in a laundromat to get people interested in going to libraries.
6. Future programs and funding requests- Japan week April 21-28 \$2500 will be discussed at the next meeting
World Global Music in collaboration with EHMS music teacher Dan O’Brien; 5 concerts at Wickham Library with his students and professional artists. Students will be using the instruments purchased by funds from CCFA. \$2000 will pay for the professionals.
7. Adult Ed will be holding day classes at the Library as high school has no available classrooms.
8. Liberty Bell Ringers, 9/18 @ 1pm sponsored CCFA event
9. Farmers market music in on Fridays-Dave Giardina and Abu Carter rotating every other Friday
- **Film Series:** Silent Movie Day- 9/29/22 Request \$150 for film and \$50 for John Bacon to run. Cultural Community Center at 7PM Com. Glynis is researching for the Fil Festival. Chair Roz asked if one can be a family geared movie.
- **Music:** Commissioner Yamamoto reports Paul Bisaccia is available for 12/3 performance at First Congregation Church. She is working with him on the music selection. She will contact the piano tuner prior to December.

Old Business:

Tickets for *In the Height* show at Cheney Hall – will be distributed to Library to hand out, 10 tickets will be given to the Senior Center. 2 tickets per person with EH residence/id
Van Gogh – Comm. McKenzie asks CCFA to subsidize purchase of 20 tickets @ \$20 cost of tickets is \$40. Can be purchased at the Library, cash or check only, and must show proof of residency. Two tickets per person. September 28th at 6:30PM is the specific time for the tickets at the Convention Center. Comm. McKenzie to do Publicity and send to Mayor’s Office for publication. Requesting funds of \$800
Shoreline Bell Ringers -12/4 at a cost of \$300 at the Library for Holiday Fest
Dad Hero Community Day-request made to assist them. This is their 5th year. Asking for \$450 to pay for the Caricaturist or Face Painter.

Approval of Bills:

Piano tuning request for \$175 at first congregation church for Holiday Fest concert
Funding for EHMS World concerts \$2000
Framing for Hsu art \$400 purchased at the Art Show in July
Silent Movie \$200 Sept 29th \$150 for movie \$50 for John Bacon
Bell Ringers \$300 Holiday Fest Dec 4th
Dad Hero Day \$450 September 10th Event in Town Greene
Van Gogh tickets \$800 Wed Sept 28th 6:30pm

Pay clerk \$100

Chair White called Comm. Bryan-Chuchro to make a quorum

All in favor

Member's concerns:

Comm. McKenzie concerned about where the Film Festival will be held in lieu of Town Hall moving. At this moment there is a halt on the move so the auditorium is still available. CCFA still has Room 11 for now. Film storage is not a immediate issue.

Also concerned about how Press Releases are handled. Would like guidelines to follow.

Adjournment: Motioned by: Chair White

Seconded by: Vice Chair Gold

All in Favor: Motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 PM

The next meeting of the Commission on Culture and Fine Arts will be held at 7:00 pm on Thursday, October 13, 2022 at the East Hartford Raymond Library Reference room, 840 Main St., East Hartford, CT.

Respectfully submitted,

Sana Hart, Clerk