



**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
February 8, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Roz White called meeting to order at 7:01PM

I. ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Amanda Ackley, Michael MacDonald, Joan Coates, Lisa Gold, Glynis McKenzie, Thomas Lumpkin, Lakisher Hurst, and Roz White

ALSO PRESENT: Sarah Morgan, Library Director

ABSENT: Aida Ortiz - excused
Prescille Yamamoto - excused
Emilio Estrella – excused
Tamara Bryan-Chuchro
Susan Tukey - excused

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: January 11, 2024

Corrections to minutes- Add Tamara Bryan-Chuchro, Susan Tukey and Lakisher Hurst to present and move Thomas Lumpkin to absent excused. Correct spelling of Novus Insight, spelling of Toshiko. Under by-laws remove the extra word 'the'. Under bills paid Paul Bisaccia funds were returned; bill came in as \$875.

Motion made by Glynis McKenzie to approve minutes with corrections and seconded by Joan Coates.

All in favor. Motion approved.

III. CHAIR'S REPORT:

Prescille and Emilio struggle to make meetings, waiting for their letters.

We should work on by-laws and grants. Next meeting will be a working meeting.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE - none

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Sarah Morgan, Library Director

General library notes:

Sarah gives a brief refresher of the commission's current roll on the library policies in the event we have a challenge from a community member on a book in our collections. There is a formal process posted on the library website under policy. The request for reconsideration form is to be filled out by the resident.

Sarah reviews the form, contacts the resident. If the resident isn't happy with the answer then it goes to the commission; as an appeals board to review, which will be a public meeting. Resident will speak and anyone else that chooses to comment. The commission makes the decision.

Lakisher – after I finish a book on the Libby app; there is a button where I will recommend this book to someone. Who gets this? Sarah states it's built by a committee at the consortium, goes to them, then goes back to us.

Historical Society inquired if the library was planning on an art show for 2024. The library is not planning on a 2024 art show.

The puppet show was well attended; 100 people showed. The goal is to have a show quarterly at Wickham.

Using spring to launch the grant idea to the community. Should we do a press release? Something for the commission to think about. Town has a new Head of Communications- Marissa Baum. This is something to come from her. Sarah will work with Marissa to come up with a process and will bring to March meeting for review.

Spring programs being released and we are working on the budget.

- EHSYF-

Glynis McKenzie- President has been speaking with and will be holding the show at Artist Collective in Hartford. Program will be held there, rehearsals will be held in East Hartford somewhere. East Catholic is still a possibility, they asked what times we would need, and they will need to figure out how many staff will be needed. Then they can figure out the price.

- Film Festival- 16th series- Glynis McKenzie – next show will be 2/17 at 7PM title of the movie is “Living”, leading role played by Bill Nighy. Show has an element about a Public Works department.

VII: NEW BUSINESS:

Projected Projects/Events

Glynis – Hartford Stage's next show is “Hot Wing King”. If we buy 10 or more tickets we will get 20% off. Sunday matinee later in March. Propose we buy 10 tickets \$60 tickets, sell for \$30 and buy \$20 tickets and sell to residents for \$10. Glynis McKenzie make a motion to spend \$700 to buy 20 tickets for a matinee performance to see Hot Wing King. Motion seconded by Roz White, all in favor. Motion approved.

Glynis has been speaking with Talcott Brass and they would be happy to come and do an hour long performance for us. They are a quintet and play both classical and popular music. Would be at the Wickham Library. They are more than what we normally spend at a cost of \$2000.

Glynis makes a motion that we present the Talcott brass at the Wickham library in the spring. Discussion. Commission polled. 6-2. Official vote of 6-2, motion approved.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

Projected Projects/Events

Glynis spoke with Paul Bisaccia and would do a show in the spring. Glynis has an email that he would do it for free in the spring.

Glynis McKenzie made a motion to present Paul Bisaccia at First Church, Sunday April 28th for free with a gift of \$150, \$100 for publication in the JI and \$50 for Gazette and \$150 for piano tuning. Seconded by Roz White, all in favor. Motion approved.

Roz White – Shoreline Bell Ringers; Parks and Rec department jumped at this, date available is May 11 and their fee is \$1000. No need to publicize as they do it themselves.

Roz White makes a motion to have Shoreline Bell Ringers on May 11th at 7PM.

Lisa Gold seconded, all in favor. Motion approved.

VIII: APPROVAL BILLS:

Clerk for meeting - \$100. Recurring bill

Funding EHSYF \$1500

Hartford Stage \$700

P. Bisaccia -gift \$150

Piano tuning \$150

Ad with JI \$100

Ad with Gazette \$ 50

Talcott Brass TBD \$2000

Shoreline Bell Ringers \$1000

Motion by Glynis McKenzie to pay all the bills as presented. Motion seconded by Joan Coates. All in favor. Motion approved.

IX: Members concerns:

Glynis McKenzie – read email just received regarding Talcott Brass, dates available 1st and 3rd weekend in May. Third weekend, 5/18 is available - will be tentative.

X: ADJOURNMENT:

Motion at adjourn made by G. McKenzie and seconded by Joan Coates. Meeting adjourned at 7:58PM

Next meeting will be March 14, 2024, at the EH Library in Meeting Room 1

Minutes respectively submitted,
Sana Hart-Clerk