



**TOWN OF EAST HARTFORD
FINE ARTS COMMISSION
EHCCC
50 Chapman Place
East Hartford, CT 06108
MINUTES
Meeting of November 9, 2017**

Prescille Yamamoto called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Regina Barall, Terrye Blackstone, Joan Coates, Glynis McKenzie, Judith Okeson, Betty Russell, Dan Russell, Florence Schroeter, Susan Tukey, and Prescille Yamamoto.

ABSENT: Robert Dorn, Karen Howe, and Maureen Rodgers.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion By: Terrye Blackstone moved to approve the October 12, 2017 minutes.

Second: Betty Russell

All in Favor: Motion Carried

Opposed: Glynis McKenzie

- III. CHAIR'S REPORT:** The Chair had Susan Tukey introduce Lisa Gold to the Commission. A letter from Mayor Marcia Leclerc confirmed that the East Hartford Town Council accepted the Mayor's recommendation of Lisa Gold's appointment as a member of the Fine Arts Commission. The Chair introduced Sarah Morgan, Director and Todney Harris, Library Board Chair. Todney and Sarah both introduced themselves and gave the Commission a background on their current positions serving the Library. Todney mentioned he did not receive a letter from Richard Kehoe, Town Council Chairman, regarding the merging of the Library Board and the Fine Arts Commission. The Chair discussed the requirements the Town is looking for; reported that only the Fine Arts Commission has By-Laws (to be reviewed by the Library Board); announced her wish to operate with the Library; and requested that the Library Board coordinate a list of their requirements, to be discussed at the next meeting. The Chair mentioned that the December, 2017 meeting will have a new Agenda to follow, per East Hartford's Town Council's new requirements.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE:

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Art League Festival: None

Art Programs / Demos / Exhibits: Terrye Blackstone commented on upcoming demonstrations. She also announced that Diana Lyn Cote will be having an open house at her studio on November 11-12, 2017 from 11:00 – 5:00 pm. The open house was advertised in the Hartford Courant.

Art Show – Teachers: None

Budget: None

Bus Trip: None

Cue & Curtain: Joan Coates commented they had a good turnout for the casting of "Little Scrooge" to be performed at Holiday Fest in collaboration with EHSYF. The performance of "Little Scrooge" is scheduled for Saturday, December 2, 2017 at East Hartford Community and Cultural Center auditorium at 12:00 noon.

Dance – April in Paris: Reggie Barall commented that the date will be April 29, 2018 starting at 1:00 pm.

Dance – Around the World: Reggie Barall will schedule May 20, 2018 for the performance.

Early Childhood: Reggie Barall will be previewing the program with Principal Lisa Beauchamp. They will coordinate dates to start the program beginning in 2018.

EHSYF: Joan Coates commented that they are working on selecting a show for next summer.

Film Series: None

Holiday Fest: Betty Russell commented everything is under control and is happy to report how everyone is so cooperative.

Library Programs: Sarah Morgan, Library Director expressed her appreciation to the Commission for their sponsorship of Dimensional Dance, which will perform in February.

Mini Grants: Betty Russell reported on the requested Mini Grants and awards as follows:

<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>TEACHER</u>	<u>REQUESTED AMOUNT</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>AMOUNT AWARDED</u>
EHHS	Brandyn Barstis	\$500	Potter Master Class – John Macomber	\$375
EHHS	Elizabeth Pertesis	\$300	Potter Master Class – Brett Hillman	\$300
EHHS	Anna Lasley	\$500	Field Trip - Broadway, NYC	\$500
EHHS	Nicholas Diaz	\$500	Field Trip - Broadway, NYC	- 0 -
EHHS	Christen Scott	\$500	Field Trip – Broadway, NYC	-0-
EHHS	Hoyt & Siegel	\$500	Band Master Classes	\$500
Norris	Dana Saccomano	\$500	Performance & Workshop - Lollipop Opera	\$500
Pitkin	Katie Farber	\$500	Hartford Symphony Orchestra – Instrument Zoo	\$500
Sunset Ridge	Rebecca Corcoran	\$500	Field Trip – Broadway (Aladdin)	\$500
Sunset Ridge	Kathy Neri	\$500	Field Trip – Broadway (Aladdin)	- 0 -
Sunset Ridge	Kristen Zebroski	\$500	Field Trip – Broadway (Aladdin)	- 0 -
		\$5,300		\$3,175

Judy Okeson requested \$175 be added to cover the Mini Grants awards.

Motion: Glynis McKenzie moved to add \$175 for the Mini Grants

Second: Susan Tukey

All in Favor: Motion carried

Music: Paul Bisaccia will perform, "Classic Christmas, Jazz Christmas" at First Congregational Church December 2, 2017 at 2:00 pm as part of Holiday Fest.

Glynis McKenzie reported that the City Singers of Hartford are not available to perform this spring. She contacted the Greater Hartford Opera Ensemble, but has not yet heard back.

Sounds of Summer: None.

VI. OLD BUSINESS: Glynis McKenzie is continuing to work with Sarah Morgan, Library Director on scheduling a reading by Poet John Stanizzi in the spring.

VII. NEW BUSINESS: None.

VIII. APPROVAL OF BILLS:

\$ 80.00 Judith Beeman (Clerk's Fee)
\$175.00 Advertising, up to, for Paul Bisaccia's Holiday Fest performance 12/2/2017
\$3,175.00 Tracy Kane, Mini Grants Awards

Motion: Judy Okeson moved to pay the bills

Second: Terrye Blacksone

All in Favor: Motion carried

IX. MEMBER'S CONCERNS: Glynis McKenzie reminded Commissioners to bring in finger foods to the December 14, 2017 meeting for the Parks & Recreations holiday basket and a few additional items to share.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: Joan Coates moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm

Second: Dan Russell

All in Favor: Motion carried

The next meeting of the Fine Arts Commission Meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 14, 2017 at the East Hartford Community Cultural Center, 50 Chapman Place, East Hartford, Connecticut, in Room 12.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Beeman

Judith Beeman, Clerk