



**TOWN OF EAST HARTFORD  
FINE ARTS COMMISSION  
50 Chapman Place  
EHCCC  
East Hartford, CT 06108  
MINUTES  
Meeting of October 12, 2017**

Prescille Yamamoto called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**I. ROLL CALL:**

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

**ABSENT:** Robert Dorn, and Karen Howe.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Motion By:** Maureen Rodgers moved to approve the September 14, 2017 minutes.

**Second:** Terrye Blackstone

**Corrections:** Roll Call – Maureen Rodgers excused; Member Concerns – Glynis McKenzie clarified that the Company Mail-A-Maps creates town maps they make their money on the maps by selling the advertising in them and those maps are given out for free. However, if the Town creates and copies a map on the town printer, they need to charge a fee for the map to cover the expense. Cue and Curtain – change to: “They were unable to cast it.”(not ‘unable to get a date’) Bus Trip – to read: ‘Glynis McKenzie coordinated “The Mount’ Edith Wharton’s House Bus Trip and coordinated with Sarah Morgan, Director of the Raymond Library, on various evening programs. Jason Pannone spoke on Edith Wharton and was delighted to speak about the trip. Glynis commented that it was a wonderful day and enjoyed by all. Library Programs – change to ‘Glynis McKenzie commented on the two Edith Wharton programs held at the Raymond Library.’”

**All in Favor:** Motion Carried

**Abstained:** Glynis McKenzie

**II. CHAIR’S REPORT:** The Chair discussed inviting Sarah Morgan, Raymond Library Director to the next meeting.

**III. CORRESPONDENCE:** Terrye Blackstone received various programs to be held at the Wadsworth Athenaeum; The Age of Innocence will be shown from 7 – 8 pm on Thursday, October 12, 2017. On Friday, October 20, 2017 at noon The Emily Hall Tremaine Curator of Contemporary Art

**IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Art League Festival:** No report.

**Art Programs / Demos /Exhibits:** Terrye Blackstone announced Diana Lyn Cote` will be having an Art Demonstration “Paint Oil Sticks” on October 15, 2017 from 2 – 4 p.m.

**Motion:** Glynis McKenzie moved to pay \$150 to Diana Lyn Cote`, Art Demonstration, with the understanding that the Fine Arts Commission would like to have more lead time on future Art Programs and dates.

**Second:** Judy Okeson

**Abstained:** Prescille Yamamoto

**Nay:** Susan Tukey

**All in favor:** Motion carried

**Art Show – Teachers:** Maureen Rodgers spoke with Tracy Kane Supervisor, Fine and Performing Arts regarding the Teachers Art Show at the Brewer House on Friday, November 3, 2017. Due to the lack of cooperation and communication since May 2017 the Fine Arts Commission, after much discussion, voted to cancel the Teachers Art Show.

**Motion:** Maureen Rodgers moved to cancel the Teachers Art Show, due to lack of communication and cooperation from the department head.

**Second:** Susan Tukey

**Nay:** Glynis McKenzie

**All in Favor:** Motion carried

**Budget:** No report.

**Bus Trip:** No report.

**Cue & Curtain:** Joan Coates announced they will be presenting “Little Scrooge” for Holiday Fest on Saturday, December 2, 2017 at East Hartford Community and Cultural Center auditorium. They will be using both Cue and Curtain and the Summer Youth Festival. Auditions will be held on October 28, 2017.

**Dance – April in Paris:** Reggie Barall commented she is working on the program and is waiting for confirmation on the date.

**Dance – Around the World:** Reggie Barall is reviewing options and checking on available dates.

**Early Childhood:** Reggie Barall will be contacting Lisa Beauchamp Principal to coordinate dates for the program.

**EHSYF:** Glynis McKenzie commented that they will be back at the Middle School summer of 2018. Joan Coates commented the Show Committee is working on the program they will be presenting next year.

**Film Series:** Glynis McKenzie announced the names of the following 2018 films: “Kedi PPR” film screening on January 13, 2018; “Their Finest” film screening on February 10, 2018; “The Women’s Balcony” film screening on March 10, 2018; and “Maudie” film screening on April 14, 2018.

**Holiday Fest:** Betty Russell was informed by Pat Sirois that Paul Bisaccia will be performing on December 2, 2017 at 2:00 pm at First Congregational Church. Other activities are under discussion at this time.

**Library Programs:** Glynis McKenzie is working with Sarah Morgan, Raymond Library Director, to collaborate children’s programs. Sarah sent a list of programs as follows: Dimensional Dance: A (Brief) History of Western Dance, from Classical to Contemporary – Cost \$500; The Art Truck: Mobilizing Creativity – Cost \$500; Nappy’s Puppets: Shadow Shows for Young and Old – Cost \$350; Fun with Rhythms – Cost \$150.

**Motion:** Dan Russell moved to sponsor Dimensional Dance – Cost\$500.

**Second:** Susan Tukey

**All in Favor:** Motion Carried

**Mini Grants:** Betty Russell will be following up with Tracy Kane Supervisor, Fine and Performing Arts on the applications that must be received by October 19, 2017. Betty and her Committee, Judy Okeson and Joan Coates, will review the applications and announce the selected Mini Grants Awards on November 9, 2017.

**Music:** Paul Bisaccia will perform, "Classic Christmas, Paul Bisaccia Piano, Jazz Christmas," at First Congregational Church on December 2, 2017 at 2:00 pm.

**Sounds of Summer:** Prescille Yamamoto will contact Parks and Recreation to follow up on the rescheduling of the Al Fenton Big Band program which was rained out.

- V. **OLD BUSINESS:** Glynis McKenzie received a reply from John Stanizzi, Poet who would be happy to do a reading. Glynis will be contacting Sarah Morgan, Raymond Library Director, to coordinate a date for John Stanizzi, Poet.
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS:** No report.
- VII. **APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

\$ 80.00 Judith Beeman (Clerk's Fee)  
\$115.00 Ken Lawhorn Piano Services (9/28/2017 Piano Tuning)  
\$200.00 Menemsha Films, Inc. (3/10/2018 Film Screening "The Women's Balcony")  
\$150.00 Diana Lyn Cote` (Art Demo 10/15/2017 Oil Sticks from 2-4 pm)  
\$ 26.16 Glynis McKenzie (Reimb.100 Custom Copies –Paul Bisaccia Programs)  
\$285.00 Swank Motion Pictures (2/10/2018 Film Screening "Their Finest")  
\$300.00 Oscill Scope Laboratories (1/13/2018 Film Screening "Kedi PPR")  
\$250.00 Sony Pictures Classics (4/14/2018 Film Screening "Maudie")

**Motion:** Susan Tukey moved to pay the bills  
**Second:** Dan Russell  
**All in Favor:** Motion carried

- VIII. **MEMBER'S CONCERNS:** None

- IX. **ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion:** Susan Tukey moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 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, November 9, 2017 at the East Hartford Community Cultural Center, 50 Chapman Place, East Hartford, Connecticut, in Room 12.

Respectfully submitted,

*Judith Beeman*

Judith Beeman, Clerk