



**TOWN OF EAST HARTFORD
FINE ARTS COMMISSION
50 Chapman Place
EHCCC
East Hartford, CT 06108
MINUTES
Meeting of September 14, 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, and Prescille Yamamoto.

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion By: Joan Coates moved to approve the July 13, 2017 minutes.

Second: Florence Schroeter

Corrections: Agenda: Meeting date changed to July 13, 2017; Member Concerns - Judith Okeson commented on the town map charges and Glynis McKenzie clarified that when the Company Mail Maps makes money on the maps, the Town charges for the maps to cover expenses.

All in Favor: Motion Carried

Abstained: Glynis McKenzie

III. CHAIR'S REPORT: The Chair commented on the August Ordinance Committee Hearing regarding the Fine Arts Commission and Library Board merging. We received a package from the New Britain Museum of American Art acknowledging our membership thru July, 2018.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE: Terrye Blackstone received various programs to be held at the Wadsworth Atheneum; on September 22, 2017, Pierpont Morgan, at an exclusive preview of the special exhibition Morgan: Mind of the Collector 6 - 8 pm; The Age of Innocence will be shown from 7 - 8 pm on Thursday, October 12, 2017. Maureen Rodgers received correspondence from the Parks and Recreation but was not available to read it. The 'Age of Innocence' will be playing at the Hartford Stage Company April 5, 2018 thru May 6, 2018. Sarah Morgan Director of the Raymond Library sent an email to Prescille and mentioned that a number of people have commented about the great collaboration with the Raymond Library and the Fine Arts Commission. She is asking if the Fine Arts Commission will consider collaborating with the Library on another program.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Art League Festival: Ray Tubbs, who has been hired to catalog various Art pieces and the Purchase Awards in the Raymond Library has advised Prescille Yamamoto that several of the Purchase Awards are not in good condition.

Terrye Blackstone will be meeting with the Art League in October.

Art Programs / Demos /Exhibits: Terrye Blackstone is working on the dates for future demos.

Art Show – Teachers: The Art Show will be held at the Brewer House on Friday, November 3, 2017 from 5 – 7 pm and on Saturday, November 4, 2017 from 1 – 4 pm.

Budget: Prescille Yamamoto reviewed the budget and commented on the programs.

Motion: Susan Tukey moved to approve the Budget as a work in progress.

Second: Dan Russell

All in Favor: Motion Carried

Bus Trip: Glynis McKenzie coordinated 'The Mount,' Edith Wharton's house Bus Trip and collaborated with Sarah Morgan Director of the Raymond Library on Edith Wharton's short story program. Jason Pannone spoke on Edith Wharton's short stories and was delighted to speak about the trip. She commented that it was a wonderful day and enjoyed by all.

Cue & Curtain: Joan Coates discussed their last meeting. They were unable to get a date for their next program. They are in the process of coordinating with EHSYF for the Holiday Fest.

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 wanted to change the date to October 22 or October 29, 2017. She has been advised that it is too short of a time to coordinate and advertise. She decided to reschedule for 2018.

Early Childhood: Reggie Barall will be working with Prescille Yamamoto to get in touch with Lisa Beauchamp Principal to coordinate dates for the program.

EHSYF: Joan Coates mentioned they were disappointed with the turnout for 'The Little Mermaid.' It was a wonderful program and enjoyed by all that attended. They are working on the Holiday Fest, Fundraising, looking into the next show, and sound system. They are focusing on fundraising for new sound system and lighting.

Film Series: Glynis McKenzie reported that the films will be held on the second Saturdays in January, February, March, and April of 2018. The snow date will be held on the second Saturday in May, 2018. The names of the films will be announced when confirmation is received.

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. It will be the 25th Anniversary of Holiday Fest and other activities are under discussion at this time.

Library Programs: Glynis McKenzie commented on the short stories discussion, written by Edith Wharton held at the Raymond Library. She is working with Sarah Morgan, Raymond Library Director collaborating children programs, and had asked Sarah to come up with other programs as well. She also announced that there will be a Story Telling Event on Saturday, September 23, 2017 at 7:30 pm. Doors open at 7:00 pm and there will be a fee of \$15.

Mini Grants: Betty Russell will be contacting Tracy Kane Supervisor, Fine and Performing Arts to coordinate sending out the applications. Applications must be received by October 19, 2017 and application selection awards will be announced on November 9, 2017.

Music: Paul Bisaccia will perform, 'Rag Time Lullabies,' at First Congregational Church on October 1, 2017 at 2:00 pm. Glynis McKenzie is in the process of contacting the City Singers.

Sounds of Summer: Al Fenton Big Band program was rained out in July. Parks and Recreation hopes to reschedule the program this fall.

VI. OLD BUSINESS: No report.

VII. NEW BUSINESS: No report.

VIII. APPROVAL OF BILLS:

\$ 80.00	Judith Beeman (Clerk's Fee)
\$122.74	Hartford Courant (8/27/2017 Display ad Guide to Arts- Edith Wharton's Bus Trip)
\$100.00	The Gazette (Display ad for Edith Wharton's Bus Trip)
\$1,500.00	EHSYF

Motion: Dan Russell

Second: Susan Tukey

All in Favor: Motion carried

IX. MEMBER'S CONCERNS: Glynis McKenzie has not received a reply from John Stanizzi, Poet.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: Susan Tukey moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 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, October 12, 2017 at the East Hartford Community Cultural Center, 50 Chapman Place, East Hartford, Connecticut, in Room 12.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Beeman

Judith Beeman, Clerk