

**TOWN OF EAST HARTFORD
FINE ARTS COMMISSION
50 Chapman Place
EHCCC
East Hartford, CT 06108
MINUTES
Meeting of November 14, 2013**

Chair, Karen Howe called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Terrye Blackstone, Judy Okeson, Betty Russell, Dan Russell, Glynis McKenzie, Regina Barall, Maureen Rodgers, Prescille Yamamoto, Florence Schroeter, and Karen Howe.

ABSENT: Susan Tukey (Excused), and Hilde O'Brien (Excused)

II. MINUTES MOTION:

Karen Howe moved to accept the September 12, 2013 minutes.

Motion – Maureen Rodgers to accept the September 12, 2013 minutes

Seconded – Prescille Yamamoto to accept the minutes as corrected and amended.

Unanimously approved

Motion – Maureen Rodgers moved to accept the October 14, 2013 minutes.

Seconded – Florence Schroeter to accept the minutes as corrected and amended.

Unanimously approved

III. CHAIR'S REPORT: Karen Howe reported to the Commission that she was pleased and grateful to serve as Chair and wishes good luck to the next Chair.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE: None at this time.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget: Prescille Yamamoto reported that the budget was accepted pretty much at the November, 2013 meeting. Karen Howe reported that the Commission will continue with the new budget and deal with any changes as they occur.

Drama / Lecture / Poetry: Maureen Rodgers reported on coordinating with Michelle Echler, Department Head of English, and working with the seniors, after the AP Exams which will be held in May, on intergenerational program with Elizabeth Thomas.

Art: Terrye Blackstone reported the Art League and the Fine Arts Commission will be sponsoring Luciana Heineman's art demonstration and lecture on November 19, 2013 from 6 to 8 p.m. Articles were written in the October 25th Hartford Courant, the November 7th Gazette, and the November 14th Reminder on Luciana Heineman's works of Art as an experienced painter and art teacher along with the prestigious awards achieved throughout her career.

Terry Blackstone reported that she has a disk that she would like to give to the Fine Arts Commission's Historian.

Children's Program: Regina Barall reported the Library moved into the EHCCC and will be speaking with the new director to discuss future programs.

Willowbrook: Regina Barall reported on the phenomenal ballet program going on.

Dance: Regina Barall is working on programs and will give a report after the holidays

E.H.S.Y.F.: Karen Howe was pleased to report that the 50th Anniversary production will be "My Fair Lady." Although it is a little more expensive, it will be a great opportunity for something we have not done. There is a upfront fee due with the signing of the contract in order to be guaranteed the release.

Motion – Glynis McKenzie moved to disburse \$1,000 in the budget to the Summer Youth Festival to be credited toward the upfront fee.

Seconded – Prescille Yamamoto

Discussion – Dan Russell questioned Karen Howe what is the cost. Karen Howe reported \$2,175 for the first performance and \$850 for each subsequent performance. There are many restrictions on how many seats that can be available for each performance.

Unanimously approved.

Glynis McKenzie reported she has the dates for the Singing Christmas Cards which will be reported at the December meeting. The cost is \$10 card. There will be three nights available. They are seasoned singers and will be singing two or three carols.

EHPS Mini-Grants: Betty Russell reported that eleven applications were received totaling \$4,976. She met with her committee to review all the applications. Betty Russell asked the Fine Arts Commission for an additional \$300.

Motion – Glynis McKenzie moved to approve an additional \$300 allocated in the budget to be added to the Mini-Grant budget.

Seconded – Prescille Yamamoto

Unanimously approved.

The following Mini-Grants were awarded:

SCHOOL	TEACHER	REQUESTED AMOUNT	PROGRAM	AMOUNT RECEIVED
Hockanum	Elisabeth Finnegan	\$300	Artist Master Class	\$300
O'Brien	Brandyn Barstis	\$500	Potter Master Class	\$500
O'Connell	Anna Cairnduff	\$500	Performance -Carnegie Hall	\$500
Norris or O'Connell	Dana Saccomano	\$500	Performance and Workshop-Lollipop Opera	\$500
Norris	Robin Russotto	\$500	Performance-Destiny Africa	\$500
Pitkin	Katie Farber	\$500	Hartford Symphony String Quartet	\$175
Pitkin	Katie Farber		Hartford Symphony Classical Jazz Ensemble	\$175
Pitkin	Katie Farber		2 Music Therapy Session for K-2 Autism Classrooms	\$150
Sunset Ridge	Fran Ferrall	\$500	Fieldtrip-Bushnell	\$500
AMOUNT REWARDED		\$3,300		

Glynis McKenzie thanked the Committee for what they have done for the Commission.

Film Series: Glynis McKenzie will give a report at the December meeting

Sound of Summer Series: Betty Russell questioned if we can get the Nautilus Brass Quartet. Karen Howe said we have to get approval from the Director of the Parks and Rec. Consensus is to present the possibility of having the Nautilus Brass Quartet for the Summer Series to Ted Franel, Director of Parks and Rec.

Music: Glynis McKenzie reported that she and Terrye Blackstone went to attend the Watson Morrison's 85th Birthday and Hartt Composer, David McBride, Concert on Sunday, November 10, 2013, Millard Auditorium at the University of Hartford. When they arrived at the Millard Auditorium, the Concert was cancelled.

Holiday Fest: Florence Schoeter reported the Paul Bisaccia and David Giardina performance will be on December 7, 2013.

50th Anniversary: Karen Howe suggested the Commission members should think about ideas for the 50th Anniversary. The Commission should do something special. Incorporating EHSYF, funding, a reception, and venues are just a few ideas to think about. Ideas will be discussed at the next meeting.

VI. OLD BUSINESS: None

VII. NEW BUSINESS: Maureen Rodgers reported that the nominating committee for the 2013 – 2015 slate of officers' term met on November 6, 2013. A slate was presented to nominate the following: Chair – Florence Schoeter, Vice Chair – Prescille Yamamoto, Historian – Judy Okeson, and Secretary – Karen Howe. Voting will be held at the December, 2013 meeting.

Regina Barall will inquire where the Fine Arts Commission's future meeting room will be.

VIII. APPROVAL OF BILLS:

\$ 150.00	Luciana Heineman (Art Demonstration and Lecture, November 19, 2013)
\$ 600.00	Paul Bisaccia (Holiday Fest Performance, December 7, 2013)
\$ 600.00	David Giardina (Holiday Fest performance with Paul Bisaccia, December 7, 2013)
\$ 80.00	Judy Beeman (Clerk fee)
\$ 300.00	Mini-Grant Awards (Increase Budget)
\$1,000.00	E.H.S.Y.F. (Grant for My Fair Lady)
\$ 33.67	Glynis McKenzie (Reimbursement of 2 DVD's for Film Series)

Motion - Judy Okeson to pay bills.

Seconded - Dan Russell to pay bills as submitted

IX. MEMBERS CONCERNS: Glynis McKenzie reported the Fine Arts Commission's minutes are not on the Town's website.

Glynis McKenzie reported that the July minutes will be discussed at the next meeting.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion - Prescille Yamamoto

Second – Betty Russell to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

Unanimously Approved

The next meeting of the Fine Arts Commission Meeting will be held on **Thursday, December 12, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the EHCCC 50 Chapman Place, East Hartford, CT 06118.**

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Beeman,
Clerk