

**TOWN OF EAST HARTFORD
FINE ARTS COMMISSION
50 Chapman Place
EHCCC
East Hartford, CT 06108
MINUTES
Meeting of December 12, 2013**

Chair, Florence Schroeter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL:

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

ABSENT: Regina Barall (Excused), Susan Tukey, (Excused), Karen Howe (Excused), and Hilde O'Brien (Excused).

II. MINUTES MOTION:

Motion - Florence Schroeter moved to accept the September 12, 2013 minutes as corrected.

Seconded – Maureen Rodgers

Motioned Carried 1 Abstention

Motion – Florence Schroeter moved to accept the October 10, 2013 minutes as corrected.

Seconded – Betty Russell

Discussion – Prescille Yamamoto moved to include the October 10, 2013 and November 14, 2013 minutes to the December, 2013 Agenda.

Motioned Carried 1 Abstention

Motion – Betty Russell moved to accept the November 14, 2013 minutes as corrected and added to the December, 2013 Agenda.

Seconded – Terrye Blackstone

Motioned Carried 1 Abstention

III. CHAIR'S REPORT: Florence Schroeter reported the Fine Arts Commission needs to submit to the Town Clerk's office their 2014 calendar year meetings on or before January 31, 2014. Glynis McKenzie reported that Karen Howe could not make it to the meeting and sincerely expressed Happy Holidays to the Fine Arts' Commissioners.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE: Florence Schroeter reported Paul Bisaccia is proposing to the Fine Arts Commission, a solo "Stars and Stripes Forever – The Great American Piano" spring concert.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Drama / Lecture / Poetry: Maureen Rodgers reported she is coordinating a date for a program with Elizabeth Thomas after the AP Exams which will be held in May.

Art: Terrye Blackstone reported the Art League and Fine Arts Commission sponsored Luciana Heinman to lecture and perform an art demonstration on November 19, 2013. Luciana Heinman's presentation was fabulous, reached out to all ages, and was well attended.

Terrye Blackstone reported that she has a disk featuring the Fine Arts Commission's Logo. She would like the Fine Arts Commission to have it. She would like to go to Staples to have the disk opened and printed. Prescille Yamamoto agreed to take Terrye Blackstone to Staples.

The Commissioners discussed looking into sponsoring an Artist who does animals. They will look for Artists and discuss the possibilities at the next meeting.

Children's Program: No Report at this time.

Willowbrook : No report at this time.

Dance: No report at this time.

E.H.S.Y.F.: Glynis McKenzie reported the Singing Christmas Cards is in the works.

EHPS Mini-Grants: Betty Russell is checking with Laura White if she received the money for the approved grants, wanted thank her for her support in distributing the funds, and to check on the Carnegie Hall program date.

Maureen Rodgers asked Betty Russell to check with Laura White if she could write the Fine Arts Commission when the events will be.

Film Series: Glynis McKenzie reported she has printed flyers naming the shows and information about the movie for posting and gave the Commissioners flyers for distribution as well.

Sounds of Summer: Betty Russell reported she met up with Ted Fravel, Director of Parks and Rec, and feels that he will entertain the Nautilus Brass Quartet to perform. Judy Okeson reported that she is checking into the cost and who will be the sole sponsor.

Betty Russell also reported that Ted Fravel should engage the Fine Arts Commission's grants. Glynis McKenzie added that the Fine Arts Commission's name should be added to "Sponsored by".

Music: Florence Schroeter reported that First Church will have a concert on December 22, 2013 with an 8 piece orchestra.

Florence Schroeter moved to have Paul Bisaccia's solo concert, Stars and Stripes, for the May, 2014 program. Prescille Yamamoto suggested Saturday, May 3, 2014 to be considered since May 10, 2014 is scheduled for the Art program. Judy Okeson questioned the cost, if he is performing solo, and having him back for a second time in the 2013-2014 year versus some other program.

Maureen Rodgers questioned the People of Goodwill was suggested at a previous meeting and questioned if there was more information provided.

Further discussion will continue at the next meeting.

Holiday Fest: Florence Schroeter reported Paul Bisaccia and David Giardina's performance was fabulous and had 98 people.

Betty Russell reported on the Holiday Fest. It was a huge success and well attended. Sold buttons, generous contributions were given to the food bank, there were arts and crafts, snowman, live animals, and Santa. All that attended had a wonderful time.

50th Anniversary: Maureen Rodgers discussed with Robert Pasek, Town Clerk, to find out the date when the Fine Arts Commission first started and check into the old archives.

Maureen Rodgers spoke with the Mayor Marsha LeClerc regarding the 50th Anniversary, a resolution at first council, the meeting on 2nd of January, 1964 in the 1963-1964 Town Report and any history information that can be provided to the Fine Arts Commission.

Terrye Blackstone will look into the records that Mayor Blackstone had.

Dan Russell will look into his old minutes.

Further discussion on the 50th Anniversary will continue at the next meeting.

- VI. OLD BUSINESS:** Election of Officers. The following Slate of Officers are as follows:
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| Chair | Florence Schroeter |
| Vice Chair | Prescille Yamamoto |
| Secretary | Karen Howe |
| Historian | Judy Okeson |

Motion: Maureen Rodgers moved to adopt the Slate of Officers
Seconded: Betty Russell
Motioned Carried 1 Absention

- VII. NEW BUSINESS:** Florence Schroeter reported the piano needs to be tuned. To be discussed at the January, 2014 meeting.

Glynis McKenzie asked about room 104 for future meetings. Florence Schroeter will check into the availability.

VIII. APPROVAL OF BILLS:

\$ 10.00	Glynis McKenzie (Reimb. Printing programs)
\$ 80.00	Judy Beeman (clerk fee)
\$250.00	IFC Films (waiting for invoice)
\$300.00	Sony Pictures Classics (3/15/14 Booking of "Where Do We Go Now")
\$415.00	ArtMattan Productions (2/15/14 DVD "The Pirogue")
\$221.00	Swank Motion Pictures, Inc. (1/18/14 DVD "Closed Circuit")

Motion: Maureen Rodgers moved to pay bills.
Seconded: Betty Russell
Unanimously approved

- IX. MEMBERS CONCERNS:** No report at this time.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Prescille Yamamoto
Seconded: Maureen Rodgers to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m.
Unanimously Approved

The next meeting of the Fine Arts Commission will be held on **Thursday, January 9, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the EHCCC 50 Chapman Place, East Hartford, CT.**

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Beeman,
Clerk