

# Oxford Cultural Arts Commission

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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 10 · 7:00 – 9:00pm

Time zone: America/New\_York

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/nmo-wtds-yoo>

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**Call to Order (time):** 7:08

**Attending Commissioners:** Richard Franzino, Cynthia Soucy, Kathy Johnson, Adriene Radcliffe, Amelia McGee

**Audience of Citizens:** (name and address): JoAnna Lucas - 49 New Street Seymour CT

*JoAnna is our Library Art Director.*

**Reading and Approval of Minutes:** Accepted minutes from July 13th meeting as read, First motion Rich, 2nd Kathy

**Correspondence:** Applications are being received and processed for the 52nd Arts and Crafts Fair

## **Treasurer's Report - Rich Franzino - July 2023 Treasurer's report**

Balance in Special Activities Account:- \$16,741.02

Income this month: \$162.9 - (\$110.00 Craft Fair \$52.92 Pay Pal monthly) sweep)

Expenditures this month: \$0

Balance in General Funds Account:- \$2500.00

Expenditures this month: \$0

Balance in Paypal Account:- \$52.92

Income this month: \$264.49 (3 @ \$52.92, 2@\$53.93)

Fees this month- \$8.10

Transfer this month:\$52.92

Balance in Grant #1 - CTDECD Grant - Supporting Arts Grant \$6.71

Expenditures this month: \$0

Balance in Grant #2 - CT Humanities Grant - CT Cultural Fund Operating Support Grant \$4679.00

Expenditures this month: \$82.47 (Dorothy Peebles Pelly instructor)

Timed Funds- \$7,185.71

UnTimed Funds- \$16,793.61

**Combined Grand Total of All Accounts:- \$23,979.32**

Comments or Notes from Treasurer:-

We received \$300 from Library for Summer Enrichment Grant program

Faux metal class Gross income \$30 Expenses \$82.47 <\$52.47 net loss>

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## **Old Business and OCAC Program Reports:**

**Library Partnership:** JoAnna reports the Art Show, "Waterworks" is hung and will run to September 29th. Next show will be "Art Heal". Our partnership with the library seems to be going well with 4 OCAC art classes being taught there by JoAnna for August and September.

**Social Media and Website:** . Investigating process for town approval to accept electronic payments. Richard is working with Jim to be able to accept credit card payments efficiently on our website, and withdraw any monies being held in the website to our accounts. JoAnna also said she will take a look at this in the website. Need to fix a link for the Art lessons at Town Hall.

**52nd Arts and Crafts Fair:** Vendor list finalized and acceptance letters sent. Welcome packets are being printed and assembled. Patch advertisements are online.

## **New Business:**

**Car Show:** Unable to participate. Water was donated by Adriene that we will hold on to for the Arts and Crafts Fair and beyond.

**Juneteenth:** June 17th was the day this was done as it was a Saturday. We supplied the Poet Iyaba Ibo Mandingo who was excellent in his speaking before the Jazz Concert featuring Billie Holiday's music by the Waterbury Symphony. Good success and look forward to next year.

**Newsletter/Town Calendar:** Discussion and possible investigation for a central calendar.

**Artist Open Studio Program Development:** Discussion and update, Town Hall basement. Approved to hold arts classes from 6-8pm at Town Hall Basement.

**Strategic yearly plan -** Contests are on hold.. Need to update our Strategic Plan on paper. No raffling off of items unless we have a permit.

**Membership -** Multi Pronged approach discussed. .Recruitment letters and email as well as regular mail discussed, maybe a patch article. Higher visibility at events with our support seems to be the direction we agree to be in. Supporting local businesses and civic minded organizations with the arts is part of our mission to promote and preserve the arts and culture. We have voted unanimously to allocate monies for entertainment to the Grange during their Chili cook on September 16th at \$100.00 per musician, capped at \$300.00. We also Voted for the allocation of the same amount of money for a small musical presence in front of Country Creamery.

**Grant Updates -** We need to do surveys of our event attendees when possible to fulfill requirements for the grants. Begin to organize all monies that have been paid to report for the grants we have received.

**Community Outreach -** Richard briefly spoke of the Lions fundraising and the Grange rentals, as well as progress being made at the Grange as a community and stage Center.

**Share Your Art:** JoAnna will begin soon with her series of arts classes at the library. This is also sponsored by OCAC.

**Adjournment:** Richard made 1st motion to adjourn and Kathy 2nd, adjournment at 8:54.

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Respectfully submitted by Cynthia Soucy, Chair

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