**Connecticut Arts Administrators Association**

*Minutes for the meeting held on November 12, 2020, Virtual Zoom Meeting -*

**Attendance**: Rachel Antonucci; Carole Anderson, New Haven PS, Elem. Art; Diana Beddows, Music Teacher, New Milford PS, beddowsd@newmilfordps.org; Maureen Berescik, CAEA President, Ret’d. Art Coordinator, maureenjberescik@gmail.com; Jason Bouchard, Director of Fine Arts Region 14 Jbouchard@ctreg14.org; Hannah Cole, K-12 Music Dept Coord., Coventry PS, hcole@coventryct.org; Beverley Fisher, RHAM HS art, Beverley.fisher@rhamschools.org; Shannon Gagne, CAAA Co-Vice Pres., Sprvsr. Art K-12, Simsbury PS, sgagne@simsbury.k12.ct.us; Jill Goldberg, Ret’d, Sup. Vernon PS & Art Consultant, jagcakes@comcast.net; Michael Gordon, Fine & Perf. Arts Co-Leader, Wilton PS, gordonm@wiltonps.org; Angela Griffin, Spvsr. of Music K-12, Simsbury PS, CAAA Co-Vice-President, agriffin@simsbury.k12.ct.us; Andrea Haas, Art teacher, Wethersfield HS, NAEA East. Reg. VP, ahaas@wethersfield.me; Dee Hansen, CAAA President, Prof. of Music Education, UHART; dee.hansen21@gmail.com; Warren Haston, Music Ed. Dir., The Hartt School, haston@hartford.edu; Melissa Hickey, CtSDE, melissa.Hickey@ct.gov; Michelle Hiscavich, Dir. Of Visual & Performing Arts, Newtown PS, hiscavichm@newtown.k12.ct.us; Steven Juhasz, Instr. and General Music, Milford PS, sjuhasz@milforded.org; Tracy Kane, EdAdvance, kane@edadvance.org; Bonnie Koba, Art in Edu. Manager, Ct. Office of the Arts, bonnie.koba@ct.gov; Judith Kramer Koret, Instr. Coach Performing and Visual Arts, New Haven PS, Judith.koret@new-haven.k12.ct.us; Corinne Kravetz; Theresa Manus-Piccolo, CAEA Treasurer, Shelton PS, tmanus-piccolo@sheltonpublicschools.org; Ellen Maust, Performing and Visual Art Sprvsr. New Haven PS, ellen.maust@new-haven.k12.ct.us; Patti O’Connor, Norwalk PS, oconnorp@norwalkps.org; Cindy Parsons, Ret’d Art Dir. Art, K-12, cindy53art@gmail.com; Rie Poirier-Campbell, Exec. Dir, Hartford Performs; John Prins, Exec. Dir., Ct. Alliance for Arts Education, jrprins@gmail.com;  Rick Sadlon, Exec. Dir. CAAA, Ret’d. Dir. Of Music, ricksadlon@gmail.com; Julie Sawyer, Ret’d. Supervisor, Farmington PS, Adjunct Art Ed., SCSU, UMASS Lowell,  jrootsawyer@gmail.com; Farah Scala, K-12 Music Dept. Head, Middletown PS, scalaf@mpsct.org; Meaghan Sheehan, Choral and Gen. Music, 5-8, New Haven PS; Julie Shvetz, K-12 Art Dept. Head, Middletown PS, shvetzj@mpsct.org; Jeff Spector, CAAA Treasurer, CAAE Exec Director, jms884@gmail.com; Colleen Thompson, Dir. Of Music, Darien PS, cthompson@darienps.org;

**Membership Business Meeting**

**Call to Order:** 3:35 pm Dee Hansen, Call to order and welcome; attendees were instructed to sign in on Chat with name, email, district, and position

* Today’s agenda and the minutes from Oct. 8, 2020 meeting were shared in advance for review. Minutes were approved with one change: CAAE name is the *Connecticut Alliance for Arts Education;* minutes will be corrected and will be posted on the CAAA website;
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**President’s Report: (Dee Hansen)**

* The CAAA PD on Jan 21 will be a presentation on social justice, and social emotional learning; Dee is looking for districts who might be able to share their work. She would like four different districts to participate – please contact her if you are interested.
* The February meeting will be a virtual site visit – Dee is looking for one or two schools to volunteer.
* The annual Summer Institute will be held again this year. This may be a virtual PD, but this will be determined later. The dates are July 5-9 and if not virtual, it will be held at University of Hartford; The registration form is being updated;
* The CAAA Advocacy breakfast will be in May, perhaps outside at Capitol or at another venue. Details will be shared once this is finalized.

**Executive Director’s Report (Rick Sadlon)**

* A 9/30 meeting of exec board members was held to work on extending membership to all districts who are not currently members; also the possibility of reducing the membership fee for this year was discussed; Rick worked with members list to see where members are from; districts not represented are from DRG C & E; these seem to be the smallest districts, but often don’t have arts leadership positions;
* Rick thanked Andrea Haas for website assistance.
* Rick has been working with a CT Music President’s group, assembled by CMEA President Jason Bouchard; this meets monthly to plan more organizational collaboration across the state.
* He is working on our non-profit status; has spoken with Andrew Minor, Art leader at Farmington PS, who is also an attorney, who will be working with Rick to help through this process.
* Behind the scenes, the executive board met with Andrew Minor who will be our attorney for the 501C3 process; this is moving forward; Andrew is the dept. chair for art dept in Farmington.
* Dee and Rick met with CAS (Connecticut Association of Schools) to talk about collaboration; they are looking forward to working with us to develop PD and meeting sessions.
* Rick submitted an article to CABE (Connecticut Association of Boards of Education) to introduce CAAA to them, and to inform them of our mission, and explains who we are.
* Rick attended the NafMe Music Program Leaders conference, Nov. 4-5, 2020. A new study regarding the issues surrounding teaching music during the pandemic, was discussed, including the Phase 3 and aerosols, how they are affecting instruction and the classroom – this has been reassessed. Tools being developed, appropriate space, and other Co-Vid spreading factors were discussed. Also, one Lincoln Nebraska school district, did short video to show how they are dealing with CoVid. This seems to be proactive; Rick will share link; if your district has this ability to create such a video, CAAA would like to have it to share with CABE, CAS, and would be a good advocacy tool.

**Vice-President’s Report: (Angela Griffin)**

* Angela shared an email announcing a virtual “Masterclass” by Tim Brown. She is looking for volunteers to participate. Email Angela for more information if interested.

**Treasurer’s Report: (Jeff Spector)**

* Jeff reported a deposit of $400 this month, with no debits.

**Connecticut Arts Alliance in Education (CAAE): (John Prins)**

* John reported that CAAE was pleased with election turnout, which was higher than a typical election. He believes that their “Get out the vote” campaign was effective.
* No new business to report.

**CMEA Report: (Jason Bouchard, sent full report)**

* The CMEA Election Day PD was well-attended; It was virtual, through on the CMEA website; there were many great presenters on a wide array of topics;
* The State (Virtual) festivals are being planned; We are hopeful and expecting good turnout; a virtual all-state conf. is planned for March 27-28, 2021; details to be shared once they are finalized.
* CMEA is holding Town Hall sessions 5-6pm; Jan 6, 2021. Info is on the website.

**CAEA Report: (Maureen Berescik)**

* CAEA had its virtual conference, which was not well-attended. The Keynote, Mark Jones was an animator-educator and was very informative and relevant to current hybrid and on-line teaching situations.
* A second virtual conference is planned for January 23, (Saturday). All who register for this conference will have access to workshops and resources from the October conference. The Keynote will be Flavia Zuniga-West, on the topic of diversity in our schools.
* A mini-regional workshop was presented yesterday, in the Southwest region. The focus was on diversity and was well-received.
* CAEA may start book club – details will be provided once they are finalized.
* The Scholastics deadline for registration is coming up – Dec. 17—it has been extended one week. The judging and exhibit will be completely on-line this year. Please go to website for schedule and more details. (www.ctarteducation.net)

**CT Department of Education: (Melissa Hickey)**

* CAAA, CtSDE and arts orgs (CMEA & CAEA) collaborated to develop a series of webinars for arts educators to help support with resources, innovative practices, strategies
	+ 1st webinar was for music ed. presented during the Election Day PD session; well-attended; Leslie and Margaret presented.
	+ Next is Nov. 18, for art and design K-12; 3 different presenters were from different districts: Laurel Archambault (Simsbury, Middle School); Eileen Schnyder (Rocky Hill HS & Elementary); Jeanette Gumbulevich, (Waterbury, HS);
	+ Dec. 2, topic is concept-based program dev. through synchronous and asynchronous learning. Cindy Parsons, Jill Goldberg, and Dee Hansen will be presenting this webinar.
	+ Another webinar is being planned for January – Details are not finalized (Music-based)
* Contact Melissa if you have teachers who are doing innovative things you’d like to share; also contact her so that you are included in her list serve.

**CT Office of the Arts: (Bonnie Koba)**

* The office busy with reopening from the Co-VID shut down, and is working with the CtSDE, to develop television opportunities.
* There was a distribution of $ 9 million to many arts orgs state-wide
* HOT Schools program is being updated and the work is going well; they are determining which districts will be participating for years 1,2,3;
* Poetry Out Loud program, sponsored by the NEA (National Endowment for the Arts), and the Poetry Foundation
* The office has working artists who want to work with schools and students; contact Bonnie if you have opportunities for them; ex: Poetry Out Loud for HS;

**Other Business:**

* The next meeting, January 21, 2021 3:30 pm; (Virtual), followed by PD session on Social Justice. A link will be sent prior to meeting.

***The business meeting ended at: 4:15pm;* Followed by a presentation by Stuart Younse; Simsbury PS, “Unlocking the power of social emotional learning in the arts”**