Members Present: Judy Simpson Linda Bellavance Ann Conroy Valerie D’Anna Mary Barbin Kim Osgood

Others: None

Called to Order at 7:00 PM

Public Comment: None

Strand Theater Report: None

Matters regarding the Strand were discussed:

It had been suggested to Chairman Simpson that we increase prices on the concessions; the committee felt strongly at this time to keep prices the same, no changes will be made.

Burlesque Show – Megan Tarby had made a few requests regarding the use of the theater during the weekend of the show – a dressing room with curtains be constructed back stage and all items normally stored there be placed neatly in a corner so the performers have full access to the back stage with no obstacles to maneuver around. The committee will be sure back stage is cleaned and cleared of all obstacles.

Chairman Simpson also reported that the Suzuki Music School has requested to rent the theater for a May recital. Contract will be signed and insurance papers will be attached. They were given the okay to bring in a piano for the recital.

Secretary’s Report: Motion made to accept Minutes with corrections by Ann Conroy Second by Mary Barbin. VOTE: All in favor to accept

Motion made by Kim Osgood to accept Minutes from January 24, 2011 Special Meeting as Read second by Judy Simpson VOTE: 2 Yes 0 NO 3 Abstain

Treasurer’s Report: None

Chairman Simpson reported that the Beer and Wine Tasting event at Zois Pizza raised $2,200.00 to date. A successful second annual event. Linda Bellavance will send Thank-you letters to Jimmie Tzepos, Mr. & Mrs. Motel and Mathew Bronson.
It was reported to the Committee that Joe O’Doy from the Knights of Columbus had contacted Judy regarding the Matthies Grant. He will be meeting with First Selectman Roy in the very near future to discuss going forward with the application.

Valerie D’Anna distributed a sheet with all the movie posters that had been categorized so far. The Committee will meet next on March 28, 2011 at 5:30 pm to continue the process.

**Star Wars:** Linda Bellavance reported that the flyer is being designed and a ticket design is in the works. She suggested that we choose a location in town for advanced ticket sales. Dragonflies was suggested. Linda will contact Joelle Anderson, owner of Dragonflies to ask if that is possible.

The event is scheduled for May 14, 2011 from 2:00 pm to approx. 10:30 pm. Linda is looking into rental of a Red Carpet and Velvet ropes to be placed on the sidewalk outside the Theater for the event. Tom Eighmie will be contacted to see if we can have the use of the searchlights for the event. Tickets prices were decided on; $15.00 (advanced sales) $20.00 at the door. 250 tickets to be sold, 1 ticket enables holder to see all three movies. Ticket also enables holder to 1 free popcorn and small soda.

**Founder’s Day:** Bands have been secured and contracts mailed.

**New Business:** Kim Osgood gave information which came from a Founder’s Day board member about a group wanting to hold a Battle of the Bands at the Strand. Judy will contact.

Linda Bellavance reported that she had filled out a State of CT survey recommending the Yuletide Carolers for listing on the State’s “Granted Groups” site.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:09 PM. made by Linda Bellavance second- Kim Osgood

**Vote:** All in favor

Respectfully submitted,

**Linda Bellavance**

Secretary
Culture and Arts Commission