SPECIAL MEETING
APRIL 21, 2009  7:00 PM
FLAHERTY ROOM

Members present: Judy Simpson  Valerie D’Anna  Priscilla Altorelli  Linda Bellavance
Jane Hull  Ann Conroy (left 8:30pm)  Mary Reyher (left 8:30pm)
Others present: Jeri Swinik, Strand Theater Manager

Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM by Chairman Judy Simpson

**Strand Report:** Jeri Swinik reported to the Commission that she had signed contracts with the following for theater rental: Anna LoPresti Sch (5/15/09), LongHill Elemen. Sch. (5/20/09), Great Hill Methodist Church, (date TBA). Details regarding “Ladies Night Out” sponsored by the Downtown Merchants Assoc. are not available, Jeri Swinik will contact Assoc. to finalize event.

Mrs. Swinik reported that the past 3 months brought in the most attendance in the last year. January receipts were $6,109.50, February receipts $7,725.00 and March totaled $6,109.50.

It was also reported to the Commission that the theater was not cleaned the week of April vacation. She had not been informed by the Seymour High School teacher that the students would not be in. Linda Bellavance will speak with the teacher and find out why the students did not clean.

**Treasurer’s Report:** See attached: Balance to date: $12,823.41
Linda Bellavance motion to accept report as presented  Mary Reyher second
VOTE:  5 Yes  0 NO  0 Abstain  0 Disqualify

**Secretary’s Report:** Priscilla Altorelli motion to accept Minutes with changes as read, Valerie D’Anna second
VOTE;  5 Yes  0 No  0 Abstain  0 Disqualify

**Flag Contest:** The completed were flags were on display for review. Due to a grammatical error, the LoPresti flag will be brought back for reprinting. A letter has been sent to Dennis Rozum regarding getting the flags hung in time for Memorial Day. Jeri Swinik will order a complete set of flags (1 sided) to be displayed inside the Strand.
The Strand will possibly be used to take the photo for the New Haven Register.

**Concert Contracts:** Mary Reyher reported all signed contracts received. Ann Conroy reported that a change in Bands for Block Dances has been made. Starving Artist will now be the Band performing at the June 6 Block Dance and Flashback will do the Sept. 5, 2009 Block Dance. Priscilla Alcorelli reported she had spoken to Al Yagovain, from the new VFW Post on Great Hill Rd. and they will provide the meal and a place to change for the Navy Band.

Mary Reyher has received the new name inserts for this year’s signs.

Jane Hull had the template for the Valley Gazette insert. A few changes were made. She will arrange for printing and having the inserts placed in the paper the second week in May.

Linda Bellavance to send a letter to the Police Dept. requesting the roads to be closed for all the block dances.

**Downtown Merchants and Events:** No one from the Downtown Assoc. in attendance. Judy Simpson has made arrangements for roses to be purchased for $.79 a pc. We will purchase 100. To be given out with the card for stamping to be in raffle. Valerie D’Anna working on the cards. Sam Merlis has given Judy Simpson most of the donated gifts. Members will get together a day or so ahead of time to assemble gifts, wrap flowers etc.

**Old Business:** None

A motion to adjourn was made by Linda Bellavance at 8:50 PM
Second, Priscilla Alcorelli

Vote: 4 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Disqualify

Respectfully submitted,

*Linda Bellavance*

Linda Bellavance, Secretary
EXPENDITURES SINCE MARCH 17, 2009 MEETING

1250.00 K of C March Rent
350.00 Purchase Order taken out for J&J Gardens Spring Flowers
900.00 Purchase Order taken out for Flashback
400.00 Purchase Order taken out for Seymour P.D.
500.00 Purchase Order taken out for Jackie Thigpen (Da Truth)
150.00 Purchase Order taken out for Arrow Printers (concert flyers)
250.00 Purchase Order taken out for Hersam Acorn Newspapers (distribute flyers)
939.00 Nu-Age Designs (banners)
450.00 Purchase Order taken out for Varsity Co-ed Jazz Guild
429.06 CL&P 3/02-3/31
930.16 K of C Oil Delivery 2/06 & 2/16
6548.22 Total

CURRENT BUDGET BALANCE

4750.00 Rent
1643.14 Purchased Services
487.50 General Supplies
100.00 Building Improvements
3289.79 Electricity
2552.98 Other Utilities

12823.41 Total