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SEYMOUR CULTURE AND ARTS COMMISSION

MEETING, SEPTEMBER 23, 20123

7:00 PM SEYMOUR TOWN HALL

Members in attendance: Judy Simpson, Linda Bellavance, Kim Osgood, Mary Barbin,

Priscilla Altorelli, Ann Conroy

Others in Attendance: Geri Swinik - Strand Theater Manager, Cathy Cass – Owner St Anthony's

Book Store

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm

Public Comment: Cathy Cass, owner/operator of St Anthony's Book Store on Main Street requested the use of the Strand Theater for the showing of the movie Mary of Nazareth. She requested the use of the theater on a date close to the holidays. Judy Simpson, Commission chairman, explained that a new lease has not been agreed upon yet with the Knights of Columbus and we are unable to commit to a rental that far in advance. Mrs. Simpson told Ms Cass she would contact her when the lease agreement has been finalized.

Strand Report: Geri Swinik, Strand Theater manager, reported the following;

July 2013 totals were \$ 2,955.00 / \$1985.00 ticket sales and \$970.00 concessions

August 2013 totals were \$6,786.00 / \$4,305.00 ticket sales and \$ 2,481.50 concessions

Secretary Report: A motion was made by Priscilla Altorelli to accept Minutes as READ, second by Mary Barbin VOTE 4 YES 0 NO 0 Abstain

Treasurer's Report: Culture and Arts budget to date is \$ 38,291.58 (see attached report)

Mrs. Altorelli reported she had received a bill from Elm City Neon for repairs to the marquee in the amount of \$808.75. She had sent a copy to the Knights of Columbus for half payment per our lease agreement. She addressed the bill to the Knights of Columbus Building Committee.

A motion was made at 7:30 PM to go into Executive Session to discuss the Strand's pending lease with the Knights of Columbus. Motion was made by Mary Barbin and second by Priscilla Altorelli **VOTE: 5 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED**

Returned to Regular Session at 8:05 PM

A motion was made by Mary Barbin - From now until the lease agreement has been signed, we will inform the theater manager that 1 movie will be played per weekend with all 3 showings being held at 7:00 PM. This change is being made in an effort to cut costs on the deficit we are incurring. Any changes to this schedule must be brought to the Commission for approval. Motion second by Priscilla Altorelli.

VOTE: 5 YES 0 NO 0 Abstain

Linda Bellavance suggested that we keep this schedule only until we are notified of the outcome of the lease negotiations with the Knights of Columbus.

Ann Conroy requested a breakdown of all expenses associated with the operations of the Strand Theater from January 2013 to present.

Concerts: Mary Barbin requested that the concert signs be stored in the Seymour Founders' Day closet at the Community Center. She will contact Linda Bellavance when she is ready to store them. Mary also suggested that large NO PARKING signs be placed at both entrances to the First Street Plaza Parking Lot to avoid concert-goers from being towed. Next spring she will look into having them made.

October 26, 2013 will be our Halloween Concert held at the Strand Theater at 7:00 PM. The Naugatuck Community Orchestra will be playing seasonal tunes. All are welcome and admission is free.

December 14, 2013 will be our Holiday Concert presented by the Naugatuck Community Orchestra with traditional holiday music being played. All are welcome and admission is free. It was noted that on the same evening, the EMS is holding a Bingo Night at the Community Center and the Land Trust is holding their annual Christmas Fireworks display.

The \$1,200.00 grant from the Valley Community Foundation has been received for the elementary schools programs. Valerie D'Anna and Kim Osgood are working with the school principals to secure a date.

Mary Barbin will look into getting entertainment for the seniors around the holidays.

Concerts for next summer will be discussed at our next monthly meeting. Time changes will be looked at.

Priscilla Altorelli was approached ABOUT Culture and Arts doing some kind of tree lighting at the new Veterans Park on Broad Street. The Commission will look into something for 2014 as this holiday season is already filled with events.

A motion to adjourn was made by Linda Bellavance at 9:00 PM and second by Kim Osgood

VOTE: 5 YES 0 NO 0 Abstain

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Bellavance

Secretary

Culture and Arts Commission

EXPENDITURES SINCE JULY 9, 2013 MEETING

\$1,250.00 KofC July
\$250.00 P.O. 94190 Tracy Lamoreux
\$150.00 P.O. 94192 CL&P lights for bands
\$908.42 CL&P
\$350.00 P.O. 94394 Sewer & Water Fees
\$2,908.42 Total

CURRENT BUDGET BALANCE

\$13,750.00 Rent
\$11,600.00 Purchased Services
\$600.00 General Supplies
\$100.00 Building Improvements
\$6,091.58 Electricity
\$6,150.00 Other Utilities
\$38,291.58 Total