

SEYMOUR CULTURE AND ARTS COMMISSION

SPECIAL MEETING FEBRUARY 19, 2013

7:00 PM

SEYMOUR TOWN HALL

Those in Attendance: Judy Simpson Mary Barbin Kim Osgood Valerie D'Anna

Priscilla Altorelli Ann Conroy Linda Bellavance

Others: None

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

**Strand Theater Report:** Given by Treasurer Priscilla Altorelli, the following were the monthly intakes submitted by theater manager Geri Swinik;

November 2012 – total \$1,904.00 / tickets only \$ 1,273.50 (282 patrons)

December 2012 – total \$2,938.00 / tickets only \$ 2, 938.00 ( 354 patrons)

January 2013 – total \$2,446.00 / tickets only \$1,415.00 (383 patrons)

Mrs. Altorelli reported she had attended the Brd of Finance and made the presentation for our budget for the 13-14 fiscal year. A reduction in the supplies line item had been reduced to \$100.00, after speaking with First Selectman Miller; it had been reinstated to \$400.00.

Theater lease was discussed and reviewed by Commission members; a proposal will be assembled and reviewed with First Selectman Miller. Lease expires on 5/1/2013.

An item which was tabled from previous meeting concerned a request by Mrs. Swinik for a price increase of concession items. The Commission discussed a possible increase but felt at this time, when the ticket prices have just been increased \$.50 a piece, an increase of concession items was not necessary. A motion was made by Kim Osgood - second by Valerie D'Anna – Not to increase any concession prices at this time. **VOTE: 6 YES 0 NO 0 Abstained**

**Minutes:** Motion to accept Minutes as presented from January 8, 2013 meeting made by Priscilla Altorelli – second Valerie D'Anna- **VOTE: 5 YES 0 NO 1 ABSTAINED**

**Treasurer's Report:** Priscilla Altorelli reported that account balance to date is \$ 20,263.26 (See Attached).

Mrs. Altorelli reported that an additional bill was submitted from the contractor for \$1,115.00 for leveling the restroom floors for preparation for the floor tiles to be laid. The additional funds for payment to be taken from Restoration Fund.

A Motion to accept Treasurer's report as presented made by Ann Conroy – second by Linda Bellavance- **VOTE: 6 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED**

Commission member Valerie D'Anna reported that she had met with contractors and had chosen both wall and floor tiles for the Strand restrooms. Both rooms will be done in the same colors, white subway tile with black trim on the walls and a larger floor tile in the color beige. Mrs. D'Anna reported that work was progressing nicely with new doors already installed.

2013 Summer Concert list was reviewed by Mary Barbin; Concert and Contract Coordinator;

She has been in contact with Charlie from the Naugatuck Valley Community Band and awaiting signed agreements for the 2 upcoming concerts.

The following is a list of the bands performing this summer; (not in order of performances)

Phoenix - \$600.00

Rubber City Blues Band \$600.00

Ken Mar Band \$600.00

Mighty Kind \$450.00

Flashback \$900.00 x2

Larry Ace \$600.00

Naugatuck Valley Community Band \$350 x2

**Children's Summer Programs:** Information for grant application will be given to Dee Caruso at Town Hall in hopes for Grant Sponsorship for a summer program(s) through the Valley Community Foundation. Possibility of having a program(s) done in the schools before the children break for the summer vacation was unanimously agreed upon by Commission members. Many children would benefit from program rather than the small amount that attend the Summer Recreation program. Possibility to hold at Seymour Middle School and bus the children in from both Chatfield /LoPresti and Bungay Schools. Linda Bellavance will get cost for bus service.

**Chairman's Report-** Walnut Hill Church has requested the use of the Theater for Holy Thursday services on March 28, 2013. The Commission unanimously agreed and Judy Simpson will contact the Church with the decision.

The Lutheran Church in Oxford sent a letter to the Commission requesting the use of the theater for a Community Family Friendly Movie Day. Admission to be free to the public with theater rental being covered by the Church. Chairman Simpson will contact Church members for further information and report at next meeting.

Mrs. Simpson suggested that the Commission donate money to the Memorial Day Parade Committee to sponsor a band for the 2013 Parade. After a look at the treasurer's figures after concerts are paid for, the line item will be extremely low in funds. It was decided to table suggestion until we get a little closer to the Spring in case something unexpected arises.

**Advertising;** Kim Osgood is working on summer concert fliers and will be in contact with Town Hall for Concerts to be displayed on Message Board at The Community Center.

**2013 Election of Officers;** Votes were unanimously cast for the following;

Judy Simpson – Chairman **VOTE: 6 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED**

Mary Barbin – Vice Chair **VOTE: 6 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED**

Priscilla Altorelli – Treasurer **VOTE: 6 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED**

Linda Bellavance – Secretary **VOTE: 6 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED**

Kim Osgood will continue to head-up advertising

Valerie D'Anna will continue to work with Town Hall on Web Site and with Grants

Motion to adjourn meeting made at 8:49 by Valerie D'Anna – second by Kim Osgood

**VOTE- 6 YES 0 NO 0 ABSATINED**

**Respectfully submitted,**

***Linda Bellavance***

Secretary

Expenditures since January 8, 2013 Meeting

1250.00 KofC January

538.70 CL&P

1579.00 KofC Oil

3367.70

6250.00 Rent

7301.79 Purchased Services

555.75 General Supplies

100.00 Building Improvements

2495.12 Electricity

3560.60 Other Utilities

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