

Seymour Culture and Arts Commission

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Meeting January 8, 2013 7:00 PM

Town Hall

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

Priscilla Altorelli Linda Bellavance

**Others on Attendance:** James Cronin, Joseph Majoros (Knights of Columbus members)

**Called to Order:** 7:01 PM

**Pledge**

**Public Comment-** None

**Invited Guests:** George Dewey – No Show

James Cronin, Third Degree Knight from Aurora Council 53 in Seymour, with the backing of the Seymour Council would like to hold a "Talent Show" later in 2013 to be held at the Strand Theater. He requested both assistance from the Commission physically and monetarily. Chairman Simpson explained that the members of the Commission would help out in running and putting together the event as much as possible but monetarily we were unable to contribute any funds. She also explained that a rental fee would have to be collected from the proceeds to cover the salaries for the theater workers and the payment to the cleaning crew after the event. Mr. Cronin will bring back that information to his Council.

Although the event is only in the planning stages Mr. Cronin was advised to choose a date so other events scheduled for the spring and summer months would not interfere. A tentative date of June 23, 2013 was chosen. Performance would be held in the afternoon after church services for Walnut Hill Church have concluded.

Kim Osgood will work closely with Mr. Cronin to assist in the publicity for the event.

Mr. Cronin will also be working with Ms Megan Tarby, who will advise him on sound and lighting issues which will have to be brought in for event.

Mr. Cronin and Mr. Majoros will attend the next Commission meeting to inform the Commission of the event's progress and address issues such as insurance and ticket sales.

**Strand Report:** None / Chairman Simpson did report that theater manager Geri Swinik had approach First Selectman Miller to opening the theater an Wednesdays to hold the Classic Film Nights so not to disrupt the showing of the regular movies on the wknd. Mr. Miller gave her permission and we will get a report from Ms Swinik at the next meeting.

Chairman Simpson also reported that Ms Swinik had been approached by the Downtown Merchants' Committee to play movies that would enhance the themed events they are planning for downtown. Motion was made by Priscilla Altorelli to table candy increase as Mrs. Swinik is not in attendance at meeting, second Valerie D'Anna **VOTE: 5 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED**

**Secretary's Report:** A new proposal for the pedestal sink for the ladies room was presented and accepted by the Commission. A contract will be written and signed and be given to Priscilla Altorelli for a 1/3 payment Purchase Order may be written for down payment for restroom renovations, scheduled to start on or about February 1, 2013.

Motion to accept Minutes from Dec. 11, 2012 regular meeting "As Read" made by Priscilla Altorelli second by Mary Barbin **VOTE: 3 YES 0 NO 1 ABSTAINED**

Motion to accept Minutes "As Read" from special meeting from Dec 11, 2012 made by Priscilla Altorelli and second by Valerie D'Anna **VOTE: 3 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED**

Valerie D'Anna will contact Rory Burke from the Town Hall to get access to the Strand's Facebook page and begin adding movie listings and up-coming events.

**Treasurer's Report: See attached**

Account balance to date \$ 23,630.96- Culture and Arts Account

Account balance to date \$30,623.32 - Renovation Fund

Treasurer Altorelli reported to the Commission that she had mailed a letter to Elm City Neon regarding the newest charges in connection to problems with the marquee. To date no response has been received. She also reported that she has filed the meeting dates for the remainder of 2013 with the Town Clerk's Office. She has also prepared our budget for the 2013-2014 fiscal year which will be reviewed by First Selectman Miller and presented to the Board of Finance **(\$45,700.00)**

**Chairman's Report-**

\*Mary Barbin was asked to hold off on curtain and wall cleaning until restrooms are done

\*Mary Barbin was also asked to submit contracts to Dee Caruso in Selectman's Office for Grant application (Katherine Matthies)

\*Valerie D'Anna & Kim Osgood reported on summer programs- having difficulties with venue and dates. Now directing attention to presentations at the 2 Elementary Schools and the Middle school for end of year performances. Valerie will contact Christine Syriac regarding this. An application for a Grant for these performances will also be given to the Selectman's office for application, (Katherine Matthies).

Chairman Simpson stated that no additional meetings have been scheduled with Town Hall and the Merchants from the Seymour Plaza to discuss parking issues. The Commission decided that due to the lack of parking in the Plaza lot, no car shows will be held in conjunction with the Summer Concerts for the 2013 season.

**Concert Schedule for the 2013 Summer Series:**

6/1/13 Flashback  
6/15/13 Mighty Kind  
7/6/13 Kerry Boys  
7/20/13 Pheonix  
8/3/13 Rubber City Band  
8/17/13 Open  
89/7/13 Flashback

**Strand Concerts 2013 - Naugatuck Symphony Orchestra**

3/16/13 Celtic Music (St Patrick's Day)  
5/18/13 Patriot Songs (Memorial Day)  
10/26/13 Halloween Concert  
12/14/13 Holiday Concert

The Commission will contact the stilt walker who has performed in previous years at Seymour Founders' Day and pay for her to attend the Founders' Day Celebration in June. We will also contract for an additional strolling musical group to attend. More information to follow at next meeting.

Meeting adjourned 9:10 PM Motion made Linda Bellavance - second Kim Osgood

**Vote: 4 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED**

Respectfully submitted,

*Linda Bellavance*

Secretary

Expenditures since December 11, 2012 Meeting

1250.00 KofC December

514.51 CL&P

1236.00 KofC Oil

3000.51

7500.00 Rent

7301.79 Purchased Services

555.75 General Supplies

100.00 Building Improvements

3033.82 Electricity

5139.60 Other Utilities

23630.96