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CULTURE & ARTS COMMISSION

Meeting September 11, 2012
Seymour Town Hall
7:00 PM

Those Present: Mary Barbin Valerie D'Anna Priscilla Altorelli Judy Simpson
Linda Bellavance

Others Present: Jackie Yannes Megan Tarby

Public Comment: Jackie Yannes, owner of both The Explorers Learning Center and Kokopelli located in the Seymour Industrial Park spoke regarding her new business, Kokopelli. She wanted the Commission to be aware of its existence and would be interested in bringing recitals, musicals and possible shows to the Strand Theater. She will continue to keep the Commission informed of possible dates and events planned for the theater.

Megan Tarby- Informed Commission of Downtown Merchant Committee and a Holiday Festival planned for December. Merchants will be involved with several events and promotions to showcase downtown stores kicking off festivities at the Christmas Parade. A series of events will be scheduled and a Holiday Christmas Show is scheduled to be held at the Theater. All proceeds to benefit the Strand Renovation Fund. A tentative date of December 8, 2012 has been chosen. Talks with the Legion Pool Executive Board will be held regarding their "Visit from Santa" and "Fireworks" display, not wanting to infringe on their event. Exact date will be announce soon.

Megan Tarby explained that Fred Mesore will handle all program add space and show will be covered by the Town's Insurance.

Chairman Simpson asked Ms Tarby to be sure the theater stage is painted before and after her show takes place. She will be checking on the donation of paint and volunteers to do the job. A call will be placed to the Walnut Hill Church for volunteers.

Strand: No report

Secretary Report: Motion made to accept Minutes from the August 14, 2012 by Valerie D'Anna second Priscilla Altorelli **VOTE: 4 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED**

Motion made to accept Minutes from Special Meeting August 22, 2012 with corrections by Valerie D'Anna second by Mary Barbin **VOTE: 4 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED**

Treasurer's Report: Strand Renovation Fund Balance \$ 2 999⁵.73

Culture and Arts Account \$33,423.13

*See attached

Treasurer Priscilla Altorelli informed the Commission all bills have been paid for the marquee renovations except 1 contractor is still owed the last payment. She is waiting for the account to be moved from TD Bank to Webster Bank.

Mrs. Altorelli will also check with the Knights of Columbus for splitting the overage charges still owed.

Concerts: Judy Simpson reported Summer Concert Series has come to a close but 2 concerts at the Strand have been scheduled with performances by the 40 piece Naugatuck Community Musicians. October 27, 2012 7-8:30 PM Halloween Music and December 15, 2012 7:00- 8:30 PM Holiday Tunes. The Concerts will be open to the public and free of charge.

Trick or Treat Day: Valerie will get post cards for merchants printed, Linda Bellavance and Chairman Simpson will hand deliver invitation letters to merchants.

Advertisement: Kim not in attendance

Old Business: Theater ticket price increase tabled.

Strand: The Commission is looking to remodel and update the restrooms next; calls will be made to area plumbers and contractors for bids.

Jane and Franklin Hull donated 9 statues that belonged to Franklin's father of various old time movie stars, they will be placed in glass showcases that will also be donated by the Hulls, and hung in the theater lobby.

Relighting Ceremony: Held Sept. 6, 2012, with approx. 175 people in attendance. Evening's event went smoothly, guests enjoyed chamber music, Gone With The Wind on screen and short speeches from First Selectman Miller, Knights of Columbus representative, and Judy Simpson. The highlight of the night's event was the relighting of the marquee. Guest reentered the theater to enjoy a catered buffet provided by Zois Pizza.

Motion was made by Priscilla Altorelli to purchase \$25.00 gift certificates from Zois Pizza and purchase 2 tickets from the Strand for each of the young ladies who served food and drinks to the guest during the evening's event. Second by Valerie D'Anna

VOTE: 4 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED

Linda Bellavance was asked to send thank you's to: Jimmie Tzepos, Jane and Franklin Hull.

Meeting adjourned at 8:59 Motion to adjourn made by Linda Bellavance Second Mary Barbin

VOTE: 4 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Bellavance

Secretary

EXPENDITURES SINCE AUGUST 14, 2012 MEETING 2012-2013 Budget

1250.00 K of C August rent
17.75 Nu-Age Design P.O. 85303 Concert Signs
779.12 CL&P
2046.87

CURRENT BUDGET BALANCE

12500.00 Rent
8427.25 Purchased Services
600.00 General Supplies
100.00 Building Improvements
5420.88 Electricity
6375.00 Other Utilities

33423.13 Total