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Culture and Arts Commission

Meeting June 12, 2012

Seymour Town Hall

7:00 PM Flaherty Room

Members in attendance: Judy Simpson, Priscilla Altorelli, Mary Barbin, Kim Osgood

Linda Bellavance

Others in attendance: Brian Zullo

Public Comment- Brian Zullo walked the theater and reported that the back stage area was very full and would need to be cleaned out before his performance. He also questioned the condition of the stage and the need to be painted. He was instructed to contact Megan Tarby, who the Commission believes plans to paint or at least has the paint for the job to be done.

Chairman Simpson discussed with Mr. Zullo that the Commission will see what happens with the first performance before we commit to the additional 2 shows that have been discussed. Mr. Zullo was in full agreement. Ticket prices will be \$25.00 per person with the Restoration Fund receiving \$2.00 per ticket. He will need entrance to the theater at 5:00 pm Mon-Fri of tech week. Shows will be July 19, 20, 21, 26, 27 & 28. Geri will sell refreshments and Brian will get a liquor permit for beer and wine to be sold during show.

Linda Bellavance will write letter to First Selectman Miller requesting alcohol usage at the theater.

Shows will start at 7:00 pm. "Broadway at the Strand" will appear on Channel 8 and 4.

Strand Theater Report: None

Chairman Simpson reported the marquee work was progressing nicely, although running behind schedule. Much more work is needed than originally anticipated.

A letter will be sent to Megan Tarby addressing the Commission's concerns since she is not in attendance this evening. She will be asked to remove all sets and any other equipment from the theater as soon as her production is over so Brian Zullo can start to bring his in.

Secretary's Report: Mary Barbin motioned that **Minutes** be accepted as read **with corrections**

Second made by Valerie D'Anna **Vote: 4 Yes 0 No 0 Abstained**

Treasurer's Report: See attached. Account Balance to date **\$ 5,323.40**

Restoration Account balance **\$16,850.00**

Jeri Swinik asked if she could purchase covers for the thermostats in the theater to prevent people from touching thermostats, as theater temperatures air/heat run automatically. **Purchase approved.**

Up-Coming Events: Chairman Simpson reviewed upcoming rehearsal schedule for Megan Tarby.

Navy Band should confirm in the next 2 weeks, Bridgeport Veteran's group will supply food for that evening - Valerie D'Anna will coordinate.

"Welcome to Seymour, CT" Flags have been ordered for Rt. 67 Bridge and Public Works will hang as soon as they are delivered.

Kim Osgood working on concert advertising. Linda Bellavance to get an article in the paper letting people know the Strand is still open for business while marquee is being renovated.

Chairman's Report: Judy Simpson announced that we would be working with the members of the American Legion for a Christmas Tree Lighting on the First Saturday in December. Both Boy and Girl Scout Troops will be asked to make decorations for the birds to be placed on the tree.

Chairman Simpson asked that the Stars Wars Trilogy purchased by the Commission be loaned to the Walnut Hill Church Youth Group for viewing.

Mary Barbin will try to arrange for the Naugatuck Valley Symphony be booked for a Sept. 29, 2012 and December 15, 2012 concerts at the Strand. Movie themes and holiday music will be played.

December 7, 8 & 9 Megan Tarby Children's Show

Dec. 27, 28, 29 & 31st and Jan 4 and Jan 5, 2013 Smokey Joe's Café

It was reported to the Commission that Walnut Hill Church will have to spend \$8,000.00 - \$10,000.00 to bring the Knights of Columbus Hall up to code for weekly usage. It was suggested that the Commission accept \$500.00 less each month for rental, for the next 6 months to help them pay for upgrades.

Chairman Simpson has asked Mr. Miller that the Commission be present during the next lease negotiations with the Knights of Columbus.

Jeri Swinik has asked to order new exit signs. Costs will be paid from renovation fund.

Linda Bellavance to send Jeri a letter requesting that she decorate the lobby of the theater. It will be suggested that she purchase frames and frame some of the nicer posters as decorations.

The town building inspector will be asked to check out the plumbing in the restrooms before we start to think about restroom renovations.

Old Business: None

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Bellavance

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Secretary

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EXPENDITURES SINCE May 8, 2012 MEETING

1250.00 K of C Rental June
212.50 Nu-Age Designs Concert Signs
-200.00 Cancel P.O 79499 Seymour P.D.
641.33 CL&Papril & May
1296.47 K of C Oil
3200.30

CURRENT BUDGET BALANCE

0.00 Rent
1500.95 Purchased Services
332.81 General Supplies
100.00 Building Improvements
3389.64 Electricity
0.00 Other Utilities

5323.40 Total