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CULTURE & ARTS COMMISSION

February 14, 2012
Seymour Town Hall
7:00 pm

COPY RECEIVED
DATE: 2/27/12
TIME: 3:50 pm
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

Called to Order 7:02 PM

Members Present; Mary Barbin Kim Osgood Priscilla Altorelli Linda Bellavance
Judy Simpson

Others Present; Pat Andreana- Representative of the Great Hill Methodist Church
Meghan Tarby – Looking Glass Events
Bob Barbieri – Seymour Lions Club

Public Comment- Pat Andeana from the Great Hill Methodist Church requested to attend each summer concert, selling water, soda and bagged snacks. Ms. Andreana explained that she has already contacted the Seymour Police Dept. to get permission and was given the ok. Commission Chairman Simpson told Ms. Andreana that they would be a great addition to the concert series and looks forward to having them take part.

Bob Barbieri representing the Seymour Lions Club presented plans for a Cruise Night sponsored by the Lions Club to be held downtown on the first and last concert of the summer series. The first Cruise Night will be in conjunction with the Seymour Founders' Day kick-off to be held the day after the concert. Cars will be parked in the Bank, First and Columbus Street areas in addition to the parking lot at the Seymour Pawn Shop. People will be able to view the cars while enjoying the music of Flashback. The Committee voted to award dash plaques to all cars entered in the Cruise Night. Mr. Barbieri will arrange for the ordering of the plaques. A design will be decided upon as we get closer to the date. Chairman Simpson will have Paul Satkowski from the Seymour Police Dept. attend a future meeting to discuss arrangements with him regarding street closures and car parking positions.

Meghan Tarby representing Looking Glass Events reported on the up-coming plays and audition schedules planned for the Strand Theater. Calendars were handed out and Judy Simpson will be sure to get calendar to Jeri Swinik, theater manager. Fliers and tickets for the second run of Bucket List of Broken Dreams are out and available. Ms. Tarby outlined an event scheduled she is planning for the downtown business area in conjunction with the December First Saturday event. Ideas she discussed included and Teddy Bear Tea, a Christmas breakfast with Santa, Tree lighting ceremony, a Radio City type Christmas show at the Strand and a run of old Christmas films at the Strand such as White Christmas, It's a Wonderful Life and more. She is also planning to have a children's Halloween show at the Strand at the conclusion of the Downtown Trick or Treat Day, running from 3-5 pm.

Judy Simpson read a letter from Brian Zullo requesting the use of the theater for projects he would like to bring to the Valley. Brian will be invited to attend the next meeting to discuss his ideas with the Commission.

Strand Theater Report- Report given by Priscilla Altorelli-

January sales - \$2,868.65 Ticket sales

\$ 1,526.80 Concessions

\$889.00 of which was brought in by the weekend of the Bucket List showing

Treasurer's Report- balanced to date \$ 18,155.60 see attached

On 2/13/2013 a check presentation was made at Seymour Town Hall to the Strand Restoration Fund by Megan Tarby for the donation made by the profits of the Bucket List of Broken Dreams for \$2,200.00. Restoration Fund balance to date is \$ 27,337.00

Secretary Report: Motion to accept Minutes as read made by Priscilla Altorelli and second by Mary Barbin. **VOTE: 4 Yes 0 No 0 Abstained**

Marquee Report: Contracts will soon be signed for the Strand's marquee's renovation project. Work is scheduled for start on or about April 1, 2012. Timeframe for both marquee and new roof should be completed in 30-60 days. Letter of commitment has also been signed by Knights of Columbus for their 50% commitment of the total cost. Elm City Neon \$25,232.00 total cost Karl's Roofing total cost \$3,640.00

Theater Posters: The Commission has decided to give Jeri Swinik, Strand Theater manager, until April 1, 2012 to sell off posters and large cardboard cut-outs at which time whatever is still left will be taken away by Public Works.

Summer Programs: Mary Barbin will contact Christine Battis at Town Hall to get a Mathies Grant application submitted for The Flashback performances for the 2013 concert series. Mary will also get sign ready with band names for the up-coming concert series.

Kim Osgood will put together concert flier and contact area newspapers for advertisement.

Chairman's Report- Chairman Simpson reported she had met with First Selectman Miller and had been asked to submit a quarterly report to him, explaining what the Commission is doing, what plans we have for the future, how we feel we could get better and what we would like to see from the town to help us. Many ideas were discussed and a report will be compiled and reviewed at the next meeting and then submitted.

Motion to adjourn was made by Linda Bellavance at 9:00 pm and second by Mary Barbin. Vote: 4 Yes 0 No 0 Absatined

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Bellavance

EXPENDITURES SINCE JANUARY 10, 2012 MEETING

2500.00 K of C Rental January & February
832.23 CL&P Dec. & Jan.
2220.37 K of C Oil
256.00 J&J Gardens Winter Flowers
5808.60

CURRENT BUDGET BALANCE

5000.00 Rent
4078.45 Purchased Services
532.81 General Supplies
100.00 Building Improvements
4835.21 Electricity
3609.13 Other Utilities

18155.60 Total