

Seymour Culture and Arts Commission
September 14, 2011
Strand Movie Theater
7:00 PM

Those in the attendance: Judy Simpson Ann Conroy Kim Osgood Valerie D'Anna
Mary Barbin Priscilla Altorelli Linda Bellavance
Others: Megan Tarby

Strand Theater Report: Given by Chairman Simpson; June intake \$ 5,849.00
July intake \$ 5,622.50
August intake \$3,096.00

It was reported to the commission members that the new projection equipment will be installed this week and for an additional fee the installer will be carting away the old equipment. The cost of installation will be approx. \$2,500.00. Funds to be taken out of restoration fund for payment. The installer has assured the theater manager that it should take one week to complete the process.

A new company is delivering the films now and delivery arrangements need to be made with town custodians to deliver them from Town Hall to the theater weekly and return them for pick up at Town Hall.

First Selectman Paul Roy has sent a letter to thank the Moser brothers from BowTie Cinemas for their generous donation of the projection equipment.

Minute: Motion made to accept Minutes as Read by Kim Osgood Second by Mary Barbin VOTE: 5 yes 0 no 1 abstain

Treasurer's Report: None

Priscilla Altorelli reported that we had received a \$90.00 donation to the renovation fund from the Republican Town Committee for the use of the Strand Theater for their recent caucus. A PO was written for \$40.00 for recent supplies. The \$10,000.00 check from the Burlesque Show donation was given to Priscilla for deposit in the Strand's Restoration Fund.

Linda Bellavance was asked to write a letter to the editor to thank Megan Tarby and the cast and crew for their tireless effort in putting together such a great show and donated such a large amount to the Restoration Fund.

The Commission was informed that the Knights of Columbus has agreed to rent the hall upstairs to the Walnut Hill Church group for Sunday Services. Along with the theater, the group will sign a 6 month contract for weekly Sunday morning rental for church services. All rental proceeds will go into the Strand's Renovation Fund. Attorney Colleen Fries will write up a contract for signatures by Selectman Roy and the Church Pastor. Attorney Fries will also send a letter to the Knights requesting a commitment for responsibility of half the cost of the marquee's renovation.

Chairman Simpson announced that the Star Wars marathon has been canceled. But the Group will be asked to attend the Trick or Treat Day on Oct. 29, 2011. Ann Conroy will distribute envelopes to downtown merchants for participation on Trick or Treat Day.

It was reported to the membership that the Phoenix Band will perform next summer during our concert series. Mary Barbin will begin arranging bands and securing dates. It was decided that the Block Dances were much better attended than the concerts in the park so we will hold block dances again during the 2012 concert series. First and third Saturdays June – Sept. (ending the first wknd in Sept.) Linda Bellavance
6/2/11 6/16/11 7/7/11 7/21/11 8/4/11 8/18/11 9/1/11

A Katherine Matthies Grant was received for \$ 1,200.00 on 8-11-11 for our 2012 concert series.

Mary Barbin was asked to pick-up concert sign at Stop & Shop for winter storage. Kim Osgood will again handle publicity for all up-coming events.

Megan Tarby- A presentation of **Babes in Toyland** will be held at the Strand on
12/2/11 at 7:00 pm 12/3/11 at 2:30 pm and 6:00 pm
12/9/11 at 7:00 pm 12/10/11 at 2:30 pm and 6:00 pm.
Ticket costs will be \$7.50 with a \$12.00 ticket price for show and pizza at the Knights of Columbus Hall with Santa.

In conjunction with the show a toy drive will take place in the lobby of the theater. Auditions for cast will be held October 11, 2011.

Bucket List of Unbroken Dreams will be performed January 13 and 14, 2012. 8:00 pm performances with ticket prices \$10.00 a piece. Auditions for that show will be held on September 24, 2011.

Motion to adjourn made by Linda Bellavance at 8:45 pm second by Kim Osgood
Vote: all in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Bellavance

Secretary