

Seymour Culture and Arts
Special Meeting April 12, 2011
Strand Movie Theater
7:00 PM

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DATE: 5/13/11
TIME: 4:06 P.M.
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Members Present - Judy Simpson Linda Bellavance Ann Conroy Kim Osgood
Mary Barbin Valerie D'Anna

Others Present: Jeri Swinik Jenny Hezinger Joseph Hezinger

Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM

Public Comment: Jenny and Joseph Hezinger informed the Commission that they were in the process of getting together all appropriate paperwork to start up a mobile hotdog wagon and would like to request that they attend all the summer concerts at French Park. Judy Simpson, Commission chairman informed them that once they had received all appropriate paperwork from both the State and Town permits, they were free to park their stand anywhere they wished. She did in fact inform them that all concerts for the 2011 summer series have been moved to the downtown area at the corner of Bank and First Streets and that all concerts were now scheduled for Saturday evenings in conjunction to First Saturday with a second concert being held the third Saturday during the months of June, July and August. She suggested to the Hezingers bring their cart to the block dance events, as people are always looking for a fast and easy way to get something to eat while enjoying the music. They were also told of the Star Wars fund-raiser on May 14, 2011 where people will be looking for a quick bite between movies.

Strand Report: Jeri Swinik reported the following:

January 2011 - \$ 3,029.00 February \$ 2,746.00 March \$ 5,033.50

She reported that another contract had been signed with Walnut Hill Church and that they were thinking of arranging Sunday morning services every week at the Theater until they are able to build a church in the area.

Jeri suggested that we no longer make birthday parties available as strict guidelines have been instituted by the movie companies concerning payment when DVD's are played at private functions.

Linda Bellavance informed Ms Swinik that as the theater is being rented out more and more for private events on weekends, the Commission feels that it is not fair to the three theater employees to miss a night's wages, so they will have the opportunity from now on to report to work at their usual day and time, and either help out at the event or perform duties associated with the theater. Ms. Swinik will pass the word on to her employees.

Kim Osgood will look into ordering both boxes and popcorn for the Star Wars event. A small free popcorn and soda will be given to each ticket holder.

Mrs. Swinik reported that the work being done by the Public Works Dept. is going well and reminded the Commission that boxes stored on a ledge back stage needed to be brought to the dump.

Burlesque rehearsals are going well and Commission members will take turns opening and closing the theater for Wednesdays and Sunday rehearsals. Ms. Tarby will be allowed to construct a closed curtain area back stage for a dressing room.

Minutes: Kim Osgood motioned that Minutes from last meeting be accepted as read
Second by Ann Conroy **VOTE: All in Favor**

Treasurer's Report: None

Chairman Simpson reported that a Grant application will be submitted to the Matthies Foundation for \$1,200.00 for summer concert payments. Christine Battis at Town Hall will write and submit the grant paperwork.

Wednesday, April 27, 2011 the Commission will meet at the theater to continue with poster cataloging.

Correspondence: Attorney Karen Fisher sent a thank-you to the Commission for the movie tickets she received for the Down Town Trick or Treat Day Honorable Mention. Mrs. Simpson commented that she had forgotten to mention this at previous meetings.

Founder's Day: The Commission will pay the fees for Marty Switek's new band and The Kerry Boys for the Founder's Day event.
Ann Conroy was given Star Wars flyers to distribute to Oxford and Shelton Town Halls.

Kim Osgood will compose a flyer to be sent out to the local schools advertising the Strand's rental for class trips with a fee schedule.

Motion made by Linda Bellavance to adjourn at 8:30 pm, Second by Kim Osgood.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Bellavance

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Secretary