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CULTURE & ARTS COMMISSION

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FEBRUARY 10, 2009

FLAHERTY ROOM, 7:00 PM

Members Present: Judy Simpson Valerie D'Anna Linda Bellavance Ann Conroy
Jane Hull Priscilla Altorelli Mary Reyher

Others Present: None

Meeting called to order 7:00 PM by Chairman Judy Simpson

Public Comment: None

Strand Theater Report: None, Jeri Swinik not in attendance

Judy Simpson did report to the members of the Commission that she had received a letter from First Selectman Koskalowski regarding raises for the Theater employees. It seems that they had been overlooked last year when all other non-union employees were given a pay increase. Mr. Koskelowski stated that the three Strand employees will be given their raises retroactive to July of 2008. Commission members were very pleased to hear this.

Treasurer's Report: Priscilla Altorelli stated that as of 2/10/09 our account balance is \$21,552.24 (see attached itemized expenditure report)

It was reported that we had received the \$80.00 overpayment from the Police Dept. which was associated with the October Block Dance.

Secretary's Report: A motion was made to accept the Minutes from the January meeting as read by Ann Conroy Second by Priscilla Altorelli

VOTE: 6 YES 0 NO 0 Abstain 0 Disqualify

Chairman's Report: Chairman Simpson has spoken with Jeri Swinik regarding the disrepair of the theater marquee. Jeri has called in someone to look it over and fix the background lighting that is not working at this time. She will also ask them to look over the entire marquee and give us a price on taking care of the entire thing. We will approach the Knights of Columbus when we have a dollar amount to see if they would assist us with the repairs.

DownTown Merchants: Sam Merlis will be the "Shops at Seymour's" representative attending our meetings starting in March. The Commission has been approached by the merchants to take part in their Easter Egg Hunt running April 11, 2009.

The Commission will check into rental of a Rabbit costume for the event. All advertisement will be run by the merchants. Ann Conroy will check rental costs.

They have also asked us to take part in their Strolling into Spring event the Saturday before Mother's Day. Cards of the participating merchants will be made by the Commission with stickers assigned to each business, When a card has been filled with the appropriate sticker for each shop, the shopper will bring it to members of the Commission (probably on Attorney Stanek's porch) place it in a basket receiving a flower and eligible for the drawing at the end of the day. Merchants are donating prizes for drawing. Advertisement for the event will be handled by the Merchants. 100 flowers will be purchased by the Commission.

Open Concert Dates: Valerie D'Anna reported that the following chances to the summer concert line up were as follows:

Kerry Boys have been moved to August 9, 2009 (Concert at the Park)

Navy Band will perform on August 23, 2009 (Concert in the Park)

Valerie also spoke with the Valley Gazette regarding us placing another flyer for our Summer Concert Series in the paper. An exact # of Seymour papers in circulation was not known at this time, but it was decided that we would again this year place a flyer in the paper. Committee member Jane Hull will design flyer.

Mary Reyher will work on getting new bands printed on signs and do a little refurbishing of the large signs used for advertisement.

Priscilla reported that the time has been changed for Culture and Arts to present the 09-10 budget to the Finance Board. She will get back to Judy Simpson with the exact time in the next few days. Judy Simpson will accompany Priscilla the night the budget is presented at the Middle School.

Mary Reyher and Jane Hull were reminded to go to Town Hall to be sworn in as Commission Members because their terms were coming to an end.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Bellavance

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Secretary

EXPENDITURES SINCE JANUARY 13, MEETING

1250.00 K of C February
475.00 J&J Gardens Fall & Christmas Flowers
800.00 Purchase Orders taken out for Starving Artists 2 concerts
775.00 Purchase Order taken out for Kerry Boys
1763.74 Oxford Oil Deliveries 1/08 & 1/21
393.84 CL&P 12/01-12/31
5457.58 Total

CURRENT BUDGET BALANCE

6000.00 Rent
6899.64 Purchased Services
487.50 General Supplies
100.00 Building Improvements
4581.96 Electricity
3483.14 Other Utilities

21552.24 Total