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CULTURE & ARTS COMMISSION

SPECIAL MEETING **MARCH 17, 2009 7:00 PM** **FLAHERTY ROOM**

Members present: Judy Simpson Valerie D'Anna Priscilla Altorelli Linda Bellavance

Members absent: Jane Hull Ann Conroy Mary Reyher

Others present: Sam Merlis, Downtown Merchant Assoc.

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

Strand Report: Jeri Swinik, not in attendance. Chairman Simpson reported to the Commission that the Strand had seen the best attendance ever with the showing of the last 4 movies. Mrs. Swinik has met with the Merchants' group discussing taking part in a "Girl's Night Out" promotion. It would be dinner (pizza at a local restaurant) and a movie ticket for one low price. We would have to charge a fee on \$100.00 per hour to cover Jeri's salary to open the theater and pay for heat and electricity. Further details will be discussed at next months meeting. No actual date was available.

Plumbing bills were sent to the Knights of Columbus for the repairs done due to the leak on the third floor in January.

The bill for the lights for the Marque was also sent to the Knights for payment.

A letter will be sent to Jeri Swinik to inform her that again this summer the theater will be used as the rain location for the Sunday Concerts in the park.

Treasurer's Report: See attached: Linda Bellavance motion to accept report as presented Valerie D'Anna second

VOTE: 3 Yes 0 NO 0 Abstain 0 Disqualify

Secretary's Report: Valerie D'Anna motion to accept Minutes with changes as read, Priscilla Altorelli second

VOTE: 3 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Disqualify

Flag Contest: Entries will be judged on March 23, 2009 at Town Hall. Members from the Commission, Phil Orazetti, Hillary Boris and Dawn Abrahms members of the downtown business community will choose the winning entries.

EXPENDITURES SINCE FEBRUARY 10, 2009 MEETING

750.00 Purchase Orders taken out for Marty Swiatek Block Dance
500.00 Purchase Order taken out for Larry Ayce
67.50 Purchase Order taken out for Arrow Printers
450.56 CL&P 1/30-3/02
1768.06 Total

CURRENT BUDGET BALANCE

6000.00 Rent
5582.14 Purchased Services
487.50 General Supplies
100.00 Building Improvements
3718.85 Electricity
3483.14 Other Utilities

19371.63 Total

Concert Contracts: Mary Reyher not present

Advertisement flyer was previewed by Commission and changes were made. Jane Hull will make changes and get it to the printers for distribution in June.

Chairman Simpson has received a letter from Bob Lange addressing a slight schedule problem with the use of French Park for the first few weeks of the Concerts. Judy will be attending a Parks meeting next week to discuss it with the Board. It was mentioned that the band stand in the park has been damaged during the winter. It will be brought up when meeting with the Parks Board.

Budget Meeting: Priscilla reported she presented our 2009-2010 budget to the Finance Board. A few questions were asked, but over-all members complimented the Commission for the events we sponsor for all age groups in town.

Downtown Merchants and Events: No Easter Bunny this year, too costly to rent and we have no one to wear the costume.

Sam Merlis, business merchant representative reported that the merchants were sponsoring a downtown clean-up day. Townspeople and community groups are encouraged to volunteer to work downtown to clean the streets, food will be provided to all those who volunteer their time.

The Commission will work with the group the Saturday before Mother's Day, having a gift give-away, with gifts donated by the merchants. A flower for the first 100 Mom's who come downtown to shop will be given by the Commission. Cards will be filled by shoppers as they go from store to store, when filled they will turn the card in for a drawing to be held at the end of the day.

Valerie D'Anna will get the stickers for the merchants to place on the cards and she will design the card to be distributed.

Old Business: Valerie reported that Halloween bags are available at Oriental Trading for \$.50 a piece. She suggested that we purchase them now rather than wait until the fall.

A motion to adjourn was made by Linda Bellavance at 8:35 PM

Second, Priscilla Altorelli

Vote: 4 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Disqualify

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Bellavance

Linda Bellavance, Secretary