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CULTURE & ARTS COMMISSION

Meeting
September 9, 2008
SEYMOUR TOWN HALL
7:00 PM FLAHERTY HALL

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

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM members recited the Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Strand Theater:

Manager Jeri Swinik not in attendance report given by Priscilla Altorelli

New Popcorn machine purchased at a cost of \$725.00
\$3,388.00 ticket sales \$1,687.00 concession sales for August 2008

Jeri Swinik reminded the Commission that price increases for the theater were really needed. Since our last month's meeting her delivery charges for the weekly film and the pick-up costs had doubled due to gas increases.

Jeri will be notified by letter that the increases will be as follows:

Theater tickets will increase to \$4.50

Candy / popcorn will increase to \$3.00 each

soda \$2.50 and water \$2.00 will remain the same, no increase at this time.

Motion was made by Jane Hull for the above changes Second by Priscilla Altorelli

Vote: 7 YES 0 NO 0 Disqualify 0 Abstain

Jeri will be asked to report to the Commission in January 2009 to whether or not the price increases are helping defray the extra costs.

Oxford Hair Design has requested the use of the Strand Theater to hold a benefit fashion show, date to be announced at a later time. Rental costs will be waived although they will be asked to pay for the 3 employees who will work the event. They have requested a projectionist and the concession booth will be open. They will also be charged \$50.00 for theater clean up.

Linda Bellavance made a motion to negotiate a date for the fashion show as long as Oxford Hair Design agreed to pay charges listed. A second was made by Ann Conroy

Vote: 7 Yes 0 No 0 Disqualify 0 Abstain

Halloween Trick or Treat Day:

Purchase 200 plastic candy bags (Jane)
Label bags with Culture and Arts Sponsorship (Priscilla)
Flyers to be distributed down town to merchants (Judy & Linda)
Pumpkins to be made for store windows (Linda)
Post cards to be sent to merchants (Valerie)
Flyer & Map made for advertisement (Linda)
Delivery of flyers to Comm. Center, Library, Town Hall etc. (Jane)
Event to be held rain or shine on Saturday October 25th.

Christmas Carolers:

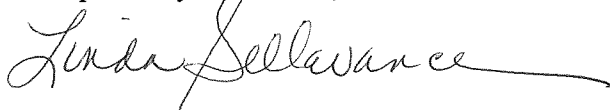
Carolers have been booked for the First Saturday in December
6:30 -8:30 PM Rain or Shine \$450.00

October meeting will start at 5:30 so Trick or Treat bags can be filled prior to the business meeting.

Valerie D'Anna will contact the Navy Band and request that they return to Seymour to perform during our Summer Concert Series

Motion to adjourn made at 9:10 PM Ann Conroy second Jane Hull

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda Bellavance". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the text "Respectfully Submitted,".

Linda Bellavance

Ann Conroy reported to the Commission that she had reviewed the ticket sales for Sundays from the summer of 2007. To see what an impact had been made on profits by using the theater for Concert rain locations this past summer. After ticket sales were added up, salaries were subtracted it was estimated that approximately \$250.00 was made as profit. The Commission will notify Jeri Swinik that the theater will be used again next year for the rain location for the "Summer Concert Series".

Treasure's Report: Priscilla Altorelli reported:

\$39,092.34 balance to date

\$297.00 CL&P pymnt made in September 2008.

J&J Gardens bill given for pymnt of 6 barrel plantings / 2 Strand Theater Planters

Motion to accept minutes made by Mary Reyher second Valerie D'Anna

Vote: 6 Yes 0 No 0 Disqualify 0 Abstain

Secretary Report: Linda Bellavance

Minutes read from last meeting Motion to accept with corrections Priscilla Altorelli

Second Ann Conroy

Vote: 6 Yes 0 No 0 Disqualify 0 Abstain

Linda Bellavance stated that a letter would be sent to the Board of Education to request to be put on the agenda at the October 20, 2008, Board meeting to make the presentation for the Art Contest.

Chairman's Report: Judy Simpson

Summer Concert Series of 2008 was reviewed and the members decided to invite the following groups to return:

R. Wilonais Band 7/12 Flashback 6/6 Larry Ace 6/28 Marty Swiatek 8/4 Starving Artists TBA and the Kerry Boys 8/23 attempting to have a different style of music each week. 2 more bands will be added at a later date.

June 6, 2008 will kick-off the summer of 2009 with a Block Dance and another Block Dance will be held on August 1, 2009.

Judy Simpson suggested to the Commission that we reschedule the rained-out Block Dance from September to the First Saturday in October. All members agreed and Starving Artists were booked by phone during the meeting. The dance will run from 6-8. A letter to the police will be sent in the next few days to request the street closure for the hrs. of 4:30 PM to 8:30 PM. Notification will also be made to the merchants.

LIBRARY: Priscilla Altorelli reported all arrangements have been made for the joint program of the Marvelous Martins to be held at the Strand Theater on Sunday October 19, 2008. Program will run from 2-3 PM. Seymour Library will advertise program.