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MINUTES: The Arts Commission, Town of Hamden, held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, June 2, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Activity Room, Miller Library Complex. The following issues were discussed:

Commissioners in Attendance: Lois Jason, Donna Elkin, Charles Kortsep, Mark Peel, Derek Mirabilio, Sandy Schiff, Lisa DeGrand, Loraine Brown

Commissioners Excused: Evelyn Skelly, Deb Dozier, Ricardo Henriquez, Tracy Nista, Stacy Sandler, George Moore

Commissioners Absent: Willa Horowitz

Call to Order

Ms. Jason called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Review of minutes was postponed to next month.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Kortsep said the statements are not in yet, but the bank reports \$46, 248.04 in the gift fund, \$14,000 in the Saturday Series, and zero in the Town Line Accounts.

Old Business

Salute to Young Artists

Ms. Jason reported it was a phenomenal evening. The program appeared on Comcast Chanel 26, CTV and will appear several times. Ms. Coleman notified the students that were in it. There were advance pieces in the newspaper, but no coverage after the program.

Disability Film Festival

The film festival will be held on September 24th from 7–9 p.m., and there are three Thursday workshops. We are pretty close to having enough money for this program.

Columbus Day Parade – October 10, 1:00 p.m.

The Kick Off Dinner will be held on Thursday 6/10 from 6–8 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Whitney Avenue. Tickets are \$30 per person and there will be a cash bar. Cusanos is catering.

There was discussion on musical event for Columbus Day – possibly an Iarussi concert at the High School. Ticket receipts would go to the artist.

Commissioners felt it was worth pursuing. It might also be possible to have Rich DePalma and some others do a concert.

Summer Concerts:

Ms. Coleman said we still don't have the Daryl Hall contract back, but we are confident that the details will be worked out.

New Haven is having Los Lobos, the New Haven Symphony and the Stylistics on three Saturdays in July.

There was discussion on Hall and Oates rider requirements that were not pertinent to our concert. Ms. Coleman has spoken to them since, and everything is settled. They are still looking over the amendments to the contract. Mr. Peel attended a tribute to T Bone in New York. He described the event as a nice intimate evening and all of the proceeds went to Musicares, T Bones favorite cause. Mr. Peel said it was a full house. GE Smith was there, and he was with Hall and Oates prior to T Bone.

July 2 is the Air Force Band with the fireworks, and no no opening act.

July 9 is the Turtles with King Fu (Chris Jensen's Group) opening
July 16th Daryl Hall – wants to bring his own opening act – we would pay \$500
July 23rd Greg Rollie with The Bernardettes opening
July 30th, Tower of Power with Blessing Offer opening

Approval of Expenditures

Ms. Coleman said it will cost \$37,000 for sound and lights.

Ms. Schiff will check prices for hotel rooms at the airport for Thursday and Friday, July 8th and 9th. There was discussion on hotel costs for various groups

Mr. Mirabilio made a motion to approve the performers fees in the amount of \$60,500. Ms. Elkin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Ms. Brown made a motion to approve summer concert costs in addition to performance fees. Ms. Elkin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Ms. Coleman said the Air Force Band has 40–45 people.

Ms. Coleman said we have \$63,000 from the Town in the summer concert line and we have made deposits of \$30,000. Sponsorships are at \$11,250, and we have been promised an additional \$19,000, for a total of \$30,250. Ms. Coleman is waiting for some others. We have \$900 left from last year in vendor fees, and we have \$400 from this year. We have two barbecue vendors, popcorn and cupcakes.

Ms. Schiff brought sponsor packets to Costco but has not had a response to date. Costco will now accept orders via fax and have them ready for pick up and load the items into your car. Ms. Jason would like a letter on Commission letterhead to bring to Shop Rite to ask for a donation.

The Food Committee will meet to discuss what items need to be purchased.

The concert sign up sheet was passed around.

There was discussion on counting the money from the buckets, and Commissioners felt it should not be done in public.

Commissioners thought it would be a good idea to have laminated backstage passes. Mr. Mirabilio will design the passes and Ms. Brown will laminate them.

Discussion on the area for Commissioners to park. Some commissioners have Commissioner signs for their cars.

Ms. Coleman said on July 2nd, the Air Force Band will have their sound check and then eat in the Activity Room at 6:00 p.m.

Ms. Coleman said her office is in need of an answering machine if anyone has one they don't need. A clothing rack is something else the office could use.

Commissioners tried on samples of the shirts and ordered them.

Coordinator's Report

New Business Ideas

Ms. Coleman will order an extra shirt for her sister and Tom Conway wants one.

Good & Welfare

Adjournment

Ms. Jason made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Brown seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
Gerry Tobin, Commission Clerk