

MINUTES: The Arts Commission, Town of Hamden, held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, February 1, 2012 in the Activity Room, Miller Library Complex.

Commissioners in Attendance: Derek Mirabilio, Marita Gargiulo, Ricardo Henriquez, Lois Jason, Loraine Brown, Stacy Sandler, Charles Kortsep, Evelyn Skelly, George Moore, Mark Peel, Donna Elkin, Lisa DeGrand, Tracy Nista

Commissioners Excused: Deborah Dozier, Sandy Schiff

Others in Attendance: Auxiliary Member Steve Alexander, ARC Coordinator Mimsie Coleman, Commission Clerk Gerry Tobin

Mr. Moore called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes of January 4, 2012

A quorum was not available at the January meeting so there were informal notes which do not need to be voted on.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Kortsep reported a balance of \$15,506.68 in the Saturday Series Account and a balance of \$28,472.40 in the Gift Fund. Details regarding Town Lines were distributed with tonight's agenda.

Old Business

Saturday Series

Pirate School – Can celled due to weather. The Pirate will perform on November 3rd. **Ms. Brown made a motion that Pirate School will perform on Saturday, November 3rd. Ms. Sandler seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.**

Yo Yo Artist – will perform on February 4th. Volunteers should arrive at 1:25 p.m. Ms. DeGrand, Ms. Coleman, Ms. Brown, Mr. Alexander and Iris will work.

Sunday Series

Raymond Suntino January 22nd – Ms. Jason reported a great crowd that did not want to let him leave. The woman who sang with him was excellent. The audience thanked the Commission for having Mr. Suntino. The concert brought in \$941, and we paid him \$600. Commissioners hoped to have him again next year.

St. Luke's February 26th – Mr. Henriquez, Ms. Coleman, Ms. Jason and Ms. Elkin will work, and should arrive at 1:15 for the 2:00 p.m. performance.

Giacomo Gates March 4th-Ms. Elkin, Ms. Jason, Ms. DeGrand?, Ms. Brown?, and Ms. Coleman will work.

Movie Night

The Arts Commission has been cosponsoring movie nights at the Keefe Center. The Arts Commission received a grant for a projector, the Keefe Center received a grant for the screen, and Ms. Coleman brings sound equipment. Ms. Coleman spoke to the distributor years ago and was told they would not come after groups like us, but now they want us to pay copyright fees of \$125 per film, with no exceptions. There are two more films scheduled for this year. Ms. Coleman paid for the last film with her credit card. This event began as an opportunity for those who could not afford to take their families to the movies. There was discussion on getting sponsors

Ms. Elkin made a motion to reimburse Ms. Coleman the \$125 for the last movie. Mr. Mirabilio seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Fund Raising Update

Eli Whitney has penciled in 11/8/12 for the Commission's painted items fund raiser. Ms. Elkin, Ms. DeGrand, Ms. Sandler and Ms. Nista are on the committee. Hamden High School students will paint some of the items. Ms. Sandler mentioned freecycle.org. She was able to get 8 SLR film cameras for the High School.

Sponsorship

There was discussion on the Quinnipiac donation. The Legislative Council will vote next Monday on the transfer of \$25,000 to the Arts Commission.

Bus Trips

We have no word yet from Mr. Sause on the bus trips.

Summer Concerts

Ms. Coleman reported that the Summer Concert contracts are all in to the Town Attorney's Office.

Coordinator's Report

There was discussion the the photos hanging in the front lobby. The artist has been invited to show the work in an art gallery. Another artist will be hanging his work starting in March.

Ms. Coleman will be out of the office next week from Tuesday through Friday. ,

New Business Ideas

Mr. Mirabilio is looking into the Emily Hall Tremaine Foundation, a grant source which provides grants for environmental, disabilities and arts projects.

Event for Franz Douskey

There was discussion on planning an at The Space in honor of Franz Douskey, who was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize. Ms. Coleman will contact The Space.

There was discussion regarding gotprint.net, Best Video's expansion and performance space.

There will be a retirement party on Thursday February 2nd for Library Director Bob Gualtieri, who has been an advocate for the Arts Commission.

Ms. DeGrand mentioned a cabaret night done by her school at the High Lane Club. Everything was donated, and the only cost was rental of High Lane. They made \$10,000 on tickets that cost \$35 per person.

Adjournment

Ms. Elkin made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Peel seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by:

Gerry Tobin, Commission Clerk