

ARTS COMMISSION

MEETING OF JANUARY 2, 2013

The Arts Commission, Town of Hamden, held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, January 2, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Activity Room, Miller Library Complex.

Commissioners in Attendance, Lisa DeGrand, Deborah Dozier, Donna Elkin, Lois Jason, Charles Kortsep, Stacy Sandler

Commissioners Excused: Loraine Brown, Marita Gargiulo, George Moore, Sandy Schiff, Evelyn Skelly

Ms. Jason called the meeting to order at 7:09 PM.

Review of September 4, 2012 Minutes:

Ms. Dozier made a motion to approve the minutes of December 5, 2012. Ms. Sandler seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Kortsep reported the balances of the Saturday Series, Gift Fund, and Herreld Accounts.

Ms. Jason asked if there were any questions. Hearing none, she called for a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. **Ms. Dozier made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Ms. Elkin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor. The Treasurer's Report was approved unanimously.**

Old Business

There was a discussion regarding the 2013-2014 Budget. Ms. Coleman explained that she would like to add \$7,830 to the Professional Technical Account to enable Lisa DeGrand to work in the Arts Office for the second half of the year. She further explained that only \$5,000 was approved for this position by the Legislative Council in the current budget. The Mayor was able to approve an additional \$5,000 for this position. This additional \$5,000 was from Quinnipiac University. The additional \$7830 would allow Ms. DeGrand to work 18 hours per week at a rate of \$15.00 per hour. Ms. Coleman said that it would be helpful if the Commission stresses the importance of funding this position. There was a lengthy discussion regarding this subject, after which Ms. Jason called for a motion. **Ms. Elkin motioned that the Commission approve the request of \$7,830 of additional funds in the Professional Technical Account in the 2013-14 Budget to cover the above discussed position. Ms. Dozier seconded the motion that passed unanimously.**

Next, there was a discussion regarding the Franz Douskey reading and book signing on December 17th. Ms. Jason said that she was unable to attend, but heard that it was very good. It was estimated that there were approximately 100 people in attendance. Ms. Coleman and Ms. DeGrand both said it was very entertaining. There was a short discussion regarding the book.

Saturday Series

Bubble Mania will be held on January 12th. Ms. DeGrand will send out an e-mail to see who can work at this event. Ms. Jason, Mr. Kortsep, Ms. Dozier and Ms. Elkin will attend.

Sunday Series

Raymond Suntino will perform on January 13th. Ms. DeGrand, Ms. Jason, Ms. Elkin and Ms. Colman will attend this event.

Salute to Young Artists

Ms. Coleman discussed this event. She said rehearsal will be on held on May 9th. The event will take place on May 17th.

Silent Auction

Ms. Coleman said it is necessary to reschedule this event. She discussed the problems with holding this event in November. Ms. Dozier suggested having the auction the last week of September or the first week of October. Ms. Sandler suggested having a meeting to discuss this event. Ms. Coleman suggested the first week of October (October 5th). There was a discussion regarding the scheduling of the Brooksvale Fall Festival, and if the dates would conflict. September 28th was suggested as a better date.

Summer Concert Ideas & Updates

Ms. Coleman said she has received the contract from Eddie Money in the amount of \$ 25,000. She discussed the merchandise sales at this concert. 90% of the sales go to the artist and 10% of the sales come to us. This concert will be held the last week of July.

Ms. Coleman said she is waiting to hear from the Zombies.

Ms. Sandler suggested Peter Wolf from the J Giles Band. She also suggested a Doo Wop Show. Ms. Coleman said she looked into the Temptations Review with Dennis Edwards. She said this would cost \$25,000, and added that we can't do another \$25,000 show.

The Commissioners present suggested the Angels (My Boyfriend's Back), Jimmy Clanton (Just a Dream), The Tokens (The Lion Sleeps Tonight), Aaron Neville, The Neville Brothers, Johnny Mathis, and Jose Feliciano. The Commissioners also discussed Tommy James and the Shondells.

New Business/Ideas/Good & Welfare

Ms. Coleman noted that Commissioner Elkin will celebrate her birthday in three days. All present wished her a very Happy Birthday.

Ms. Jason thanked the Commissioners for her cards. She said they were a great help in raising her spirits.

Adjournment

Ms. Dozier made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Elkin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
Peggy Craft, Acting Commission Clerk