

Arts Commission
Minutes of March 6, 2013 Meeting

Commissioners in Attendance: Tracy Nista, Loraine Brown, Lois Jason, Donna Elkin, Marita Gargiulo,
Lisa DeGrand

Commissioners Excused: Evelyn Skelly, Sandy Schiff, Ricardo Henriques, Stacy Sandler, Deb Dozier,
Charles Kortsep

Others in Attendance: Auxiliary Member Steve Graham, Arts, Recreation & Culture Director Mimsie
Coleman, Commission Clerk Gerry Tobin

Treasurer's Report

Ms. Coleman reported the Town Line Accounts are on Page 2 of the handout. There is a balance of \$4,160 in those accounts. The report is in error. There is a balance of \$1730.36 in the Saturday Series Account; \$47,104.77 in Gift Fund includes funding for Ms. DeGrand's assistance. There was discussion on the Peter Herreld Trust, can only be used for Sunday Series performance fees.

Old Business

Saturday Series

This year's final Saturday Series program will be Pumpernickel Puppets on Saturday March 16th. Ms. DeGrand, Ms. Coleman will assist, as well as Ms. Jason and Ms. Brown for part of the time, and possibly Ms. Nista. The program begins at 1:00 p.m.

Sunday Series

St. Luke's Steel Band (March 3rd) Brought in a profit of \$1396. Commissioners were very complimentary to the new maintenance person, Jon Cesare. There was discussion regarding the need to have four volunteers at these events, two in the box office and two at the lobby/door. There was also discussion on people arriving at 12:45 for the 2:00 show and complaining when they were not allowed in to the auditorium. Ms. Jason said the band didn't perform the music that they usually perform. One person sang a religious song, and at the beginning they played some classical music. Ms. Coleman said if we have them back, she will speak to them, although we received no complaints. They might have done some different music because they were videotaping. Ms. Coleman said on each performer's contract it is stated that the doors will open at 1:30, so they should be ready at that time. There was further discussion on what time the doors should open.

Salute to Young Artists

Rehearsal for Salute to Young Artists will take place on May 9th from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. and the event will be held on May 17th at 7:00 p.m. and is followed by a reception. Ms. DeGrand has reached out to teachers/students at the New Haven school on Crown Street, Sacred Heart Academy, and ECA. The deadline for applications is coming up next week. It was suggested that Notre Dame students be invited to participate. Ms. Coleman will ask Eric Nyquist to be our master of ceremonies. There was discussion on procedures for the rehearsal and for the event. Tom Conway will be there to help. There was a suggestion that visual art be done one day and the performances on the 9th.

Sprout Film Festival with Young Audiences of CT: May 31st

Ms. Brown reported that this film festival is through VSA, an international organization for people with disabilities, and presents movies made by people with disabilities about people with disabilities. Ms.

Jason said this film festival is inspirational. It will be held on Friday evening, May 31st, and we will have a little reception following this event.

Summer Concerts

Performance Updates

As of yesterday all contracts are in hand according to Ms. Coleman. The Zombies are the first week, Starship the 2nd; DooWop with the Drifters and Freddie Paris and the Five Satins perform week three; and Eddie Money week four. The fireworks take place on June 28th. The Concert Committee will meet regarding opening acts. The Zombies are bringing their own opening act. We are getting a lot of inquiries from potential opening acts, and we have one group that applied last year that we told we would consider for this year. Ms. Coleman is working with the Navy Band Northeast for the fireworks.

Sponsorships

Ms. Coleman reported there is nothing new on sponsorships. She has applied for the Rotary Club Grant.

Cultural Resource Directory

Ms. Coleman reported that the announcement regarding the Directory was on the cover of the Chronicle. The Journal is doing a feature story on it. WQUN wants to talk about it. Ms. Coleman might resend it to the Register. She has sent the Directory to the Arts Council publication and the Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Coleman and Ms. DeGrand are meeting with Mark Peel next week to learn how to make entries to the Directory.

Ms. Coleman announced that the movies have been selected for Town Center Park showings in August. They are The Sound of Music, Lincoln, Midnight in Paris, Back to the Future, and Brave. Sunday, August 18th is the showing of the baseball game. This will be announced in our press releases and on the web site. The movies are a collaboration among the Town, the Town Center Park Commission and the Arts Recreation and Culture Department.

Coordinator's Report

New Business Ideas/Good & Welfare

Ms. Nista reported that a friend of hers, Lisa Melamant, made a documentary film called School's Out, which will premier at the Yale Whitney Humanities Center on Sunday, April 7th. The film was voted best environmental documentary at the Colorado Film Festival.

Ms. Jason mentioned a young man that used to work in Legal Grounds, is making a film in Hamden.

Adjournment

Ms. Elkin made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Brown seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
Gerry Tobin, Commission Clerk