

MINUTES
HAMDEN ARTS COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 4, 2015

Commissioners in Attendance: Jim Brewster, Deborah Dozier, Charles Kortsep, Loraine Brown, Lois Jason, Nancy Torello, Cheryl Riello, Tracy Nista, Ricardo Henriquez, Marita Gargiulo

Commissioners Excused: Lisa DeGrand, Janet Hunter, Donna Elkin, Ruth Resnick Johnson,
Sandy Schiff

Others in Attendance: Direct of Arts Recreation & Culture Mimsie Coleman
Commission Clerk Gerry Tobin

Call to Order

Ms. Jason called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Brown made a motion to approve the minutes of January 7, 2015. Mr. Henriquez seconded the motion, The vote was unanimous in favor.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Kortsep reported the following fund balances as of 1/25/15: Gift Fund \$41,570.36; Saturday Series \$17,931.74. Town Lines shown on Page 2 of Agenda

Mr. Henriquez asked Ms. Coleman if she has had a chance to meet with Mayor Jackson regarding the Arts Commission Budget. Ms. Coleman reported that she has not had her meeting to date.

Old Business

Saturday Series

1/24/15 Tanglewood Puppets Dragon King (cancelled due to weather) – rescheduled for 10/24/15

2/21/15 Bubblemania – Several commissioners volunteered for this event.

Sunday Series

1/25/15 Galvanized Jazz Band – Ms. Jason reported that this program was standing room only. They rounded up chairs from the rest of the building. Attendees were very happy., This group has a following besides our usual attendees. The commission cleared \$1,651 on this program. There was discussion on saving seats. Within a few minutes of the start of the program, audience members saving seats are told that if their person doesn't arrive approximately five minutes before the show, and there are people waiting for seats, they will have to give up the seat. There was further discussion.

2/22/15 Raymond Suntino - Several commissioners volunteered for this event.

Twitter Report

Ms. Coleman reported that the project for Susan Riello has still not appeared on the Legislative Council Agenda.

Ms. Riello reported that Susan compiled a list of people that are following us on twitter and distributed the list. Mr. Henriquez said we can reach out to some of the people on the list and ask them to retweet for the summer concerts, etc. Ms. Torello asked what the cost is to sponsor a concert. Ms. Coleman said there are various prices and she has a whole sponsor package showing the costs and the benefits.

Coordinator's Report

Ms Coleman sent around a list of bands that she has made offers to. She has confirmation from Taylor Dane and Family Stone. Tower of Power can't confirm until they finish scheduling their European Tour. July 24th was their suggestion. The Animals turned down our offer of \$25,000 and we have countered with \$27,500. We are waiting for their response. In case we can't make a deal with The Animals we have to come up with another group. She will look into Air Supply.

Ms. Coleman suggested for 2016 we add a 5th concert and have a tribute band. We would still have four authentic groups, and one tribute band.

Ms. Coleman also announced that Liberty Bank will donate \$10,000 for the concert series.

Ms. Coleman announced that she will be out of town the weekend of March 7th and 8th.

New Business/Ideas

Good & Welfare

Adjournment

Ms. Nista made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Gargiulo seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
Gerry Tobin, Commission Clerk