

HAMDEN ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES

Special Meeting of Wednesday, November 9, 2016

Miller Cultural Center, Elderly Services Social Hall, 7:00 p.m.

Special Request: Please call Ms. Coleman's Office to let her know what you can do to assist with Silver Bells on December 3rd (rain date of December 4th)

Commissioners in Attendance: Mr. Kortsep, Ms. Hunter, Mr. Riccio, Ms. Elkin, Ms. Koontz, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Jason, Ms. Torello, Ms. Gargiulo, , Ms. Schiff

Commissioners Excused: Ms. Brown, Ms, Nista, Mr. Henriquez, Ms. Riello, Mr. Brewster

Others in Attendance: Steve Graham - Auxiliary Member - Gerry Tobin, Commission Clerk

Call to Order:

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

Approval of Minutes:

Ms. Gargiulo made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2016 Meeting. Ms. Koontz seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Treasurer's Report:

Mr. Kortsep reported balances of \$33,227.23 in the Gift Fund and \$18,735.63 in the Saturday Series Accounts as of October 25th. He also reported a balance of \$81,428 in the Peter Hereld Fund. The report on the Town Lines was attached to the agenda for tonight's meeting.

Old Business:

Saturday Series Bubblemania – Ms. Jason reported this production cost \$590 and we brought in \$748. The kids loved the program and we want to have him again. Ms. Johnson remarked that the marionettes were fantastic.

Sunday Series River Boat Ramblers – Ms. Jason reported that this program took in \$447 and cost \$650. There was a pretty full house and people loved the program.

Haiku Happening (November 16th – Ms. Coleman and Ms. Alicia will provide the paper goods. Mr. Johnson is providing tablecloths. Ms. Jason is providing humus and chips,, Ms. Schiff is bringing Cheese, Ms. Johnson will provide brownies and Ms. Kountz will bring grapes. There was discussion on providing coffee/water/cider. This program will start at 6:30 p.m. and volunteers will arrive at 5:00 p.m. to set up. Mr. Riccio will provide his sound system. Ms. Gargiulo mentioned that the first place winner is an accomplished author. Ms. Johnson said that Mr. Douskey might come to this event. There was further discussion on Haiku.

Silver Bells December 3rd with a rain date of December 4th – A list of arrangements that have been made for this event was attached to the agenda. Volunteers are needed. Face Painters are needed. Mr. Riccio spoke to a teacher at Wilbur Cross who is willing to help. Volunteers should arrive at 1:00 p.m. Ms. Kountz will take tickets for the puppet show. Ms. Elkin and Ms. Jason will work the box office. Mr. Graham will work on the field. Mr. Kortsep will do buttons. Mr. Riccio and Ms. Hunter

will help with letters to Santa.

Report of the Chairman

There was no report

New Business Ideas:

Ms. Johnson mentioned that on December 6th at 7:00 p.m. the Hamden Art League will hold its Silver Bells exhibit. There will be lots of hors d'ouvres and wine and raffle prizes.

The next meeting of the Arts Commission will take place on December 7th at 7:00 p.m. in the Activity Room.

Ms. Torello has decided to do a Police Appreciation Day in response to the recent police shootings. She will also adopt a firehouse. She has received enough donations of food to provide breakfast, lunch and dinner to the police on Wednesday, November 30th. Also, Subway will provide a large sandwich for the Fire Department. There was also discussion on the Hamden Police Academy.

Good & Welfare:

Mr. Henriquez will hold a book signing at Barnes and Noble on Thursday evening at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Riccio brought up the subject of press releases for Arts Commission programs. Mr. Riccio and Ms. Johnson will discuss this with Ms. Coleman.

There was discussion regarding Quinnipiac and Mr. Lahey's award from the Hamden Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Adjournment

Ms. Elkin made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Gargiulo seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
Gerry Tobin, Commission Clerk