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MINUTES: The Arts Commission, Town of Hamden held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, February 3, 2010 in the activity room, Miller Library Complex. The following issues were discussed:

Commissioners in Attendance: Tracy Nista, Lois Jason, Donna Elkin, Loraine Brown, Charles Kortsep, Deborah Dozier, Mark Peel, Lisa DeGrand

Others in Attendance: Steve Graham, Raymond Roach, Mimsie Coleman, Raymond Roach

Commissioners Excused: Evelyn Skelly, Stacy Sandler, George Moore, Derek Mirabilio, Sandra Schiff

Other Absences: Willa Horowitz

Call to Order

Mr. Kortsep called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Dozier made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2010 meeting. Ms. Jason seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Kortsep presented the Treasurer's Report which was accepted as submitted.

2010-2011 Budget

Ms. Coleman had a meeting with the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer and was not asked to change anything in the Commission's proposed budget, so she assumes the Mayor will recommend the budget as submitted.

Old Business

Saturday Series

January 9, Pumpnickel Puppets made a profit of \$498 - full house

February 6, Magic by Jeff Horton - volunteers should arrive at 12:30.

Iris, Ms. Coleman, Mr. Peel and Ms. DeGrand will help.

Sunday Series

January 24, Guastavino Trio - Ms. Jason reported that this program was very well attended and brought in a profit of \$420. They set up 100 chairs, and then set up 60 more. Ms. Jason felt that the performers should take one break during the 90 minute concert. Peter Herreld and the Buckleys, were thanked for their support. The Buckleys acknowledged what the Commission's programming does for them. The Guastavino's music is written to poetry, and some of the audience members read along.

February 21, St. Luke's Steel Drum Band - Ms. Jason expects a sell out crowd made up of people of all ages. This will be a fun afternoon. Ms. Dozier, Ms. Elkin, Ms. Coleman, Ms. DeGrand and Iris will help. The program will begin at 2:00 p.m., and volunteers should arrive at 1:00 p.m.

(Movie Night February 5th - Coraline

Friday Night Programs

March 26, Evening of Poetry - Ms. Coleman will be out of Town and Ms. Nista agreed to chair. Ms. Dozier will help. Ms. Brown might be available. The Arts Commission will provide refreshments following the program.

April 9, Disability Film Festival

This program is in collaboration with VSA Arts and the Commission on Disability Rights & Opportunities. VSA is paying the deposit of \$825, and the remaining \$825 must be raised. Ms. Coleman has applied for a grant. The Town has to raise a fair amount of money for the Artist Fees for three workshops, video equipment rental, receptions for four events, and exhibition costs. The total expected expense is \$3800, including the \$825 down payment.

March 16th Newington Children's Theater

April 23, May 7, May 21, Disability Film Workshops

May 14, Salute to Young Artists

Ms. Nista read in the weekend guide about a Beatnik 2000 event to be held at Café 9. It is an open mike night. She wondered if that could work for our Friday Night series. Another suggestion was a Saturday drumming workshop for kids (up to 20 kids). These are both ideas for next year. Perhaps the drumming workshop could be held in one part of the building with the regular Saturday program in another.

Ms. DeGrand submitted information on two puppeteers.

Summer Concert Update

The Summer Concert Committee met before the regular meeting and Ms. Coleman will follow up with the entertainers suggested.

Visual Arts Update

Ms. Coleman announced that the portraits of former Mayors will be hung in the Government Center in the lobby outside the Mayor's Office. She would like to be able to pay someone to help with the hanging. Commissioners agreed.

Coordinator's Report

Ricardo Henriquez was appointed to the Commission on Monday. He is on the Board of the Arts Council of Greater New Haven.

Ms. Jason mentioned decorating old chairs and selling them as a fund raiser. She had a newspaper article on the subject.

Ms. Coleman mentioned that Orchestra New England is trying to make Hamden one of their homes, via the use of performance space at Temple Beth Shalom.

Tee Shirts

Mr. Roach inquired about tee shirts at Campus Copy. He said the price for one dozen with the Arts Commission logo can be had for \$4.99 per shirt.

Sweatshirts would be \$10 each. Ms. Elkin's nephew owns that business and she will follow up. Ms. Dozier suggested the Commission look at camp shirts with the logo on the front and "commissioner" on the back. Several commissioners agreed it might be a good idea. Mr. Kortsep said suggested there be a restriction as to who the shirts can be sold to in the contract.

New Business Ideas

Ms. Dozier mentioned that the Commission might sponsor a bus trip as a fund raiser.

Good & Welfare

Adjournment

Ms. Jason made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Brown seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
Gerry Tobin, Commission Clerk