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

Commissioners in Attendance: Mark Peel, Charles Kortsep, Lisa DeGrand, Loraine Brown, Donna Elkin, Lois Jason, George Moore, Tracy Nista, Ricardo Henriquez

Excused Absences: Sandra Schiff, Willa Horowitz, Derek Mirabilio, Evelyn Skelly, Stacey Sandler

Others in Attendance: Auxiliary Member Steve Graham, Arts Coordinator Mimsie Coleman, Commission Clerk Gerry Tobin

Call to Order

Mr. Moore called the meeting to order at 7:08 and introduced newly appointed Commissioner Ricardo Henriquez. Mr. Henriquez said he is originally from Chile and has been in the United States for nine years. He believes in Art as a way to express feelings. He is on the Board of the Arts Council of Greater New Haven and works with the Arts and Ideas Festival in New Haven, among other organizations.

Approval of Minutes

Under Old Business, insert Lois Jason as a volunteer for puppet show. Decorating old chairs as a fund raiser was mentioned by Ms. Coleman, not Ms. Jason as stated.

Ms. Jason made a motion to approve the minutes of February 3rd as corrected. Ms. Elkin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Treasurer's Report

The bank accounts have not been received for February. Mr. Kortsep reported on the Town Line Accounts.

Old Business

Saturday Series

Magic of Jeff Horton. Ms. DeGrand reported a profit of \$657 for this program. There were approximately 300 people in attendance.

Pumpnickel Puppets this Saturday, March 6th at 1:00 p.m. Ms. Brown, Ms. DeGrand and Ms. Jason will help.

It was decided that 300 chairs will be set up on Friday afternoon for the Sunday St. Luke's Steel Band performance, instead of waiting until Sunday, which means the Saturday audience will be sitting on chairs instead of the floor.

Sunday Series –

St. Luke's Steel Band - 2:00 show. Volunteers should arrive at 1:00 p.m. Ms. Jason, Ms. Elkin, Ms. Coleman, Iris and Mr. Henriquez will help. It is helpful to have three people at the ticket window, two inside and one outside.

Friday Night Programs

The Disability Film Festival scheduled for April 9th and followed by three workshops has been postponed to September due to fund raising issues. We are not qualified for a grant that Ms. Coleman applied for as it is for non-profits with budgets of under \$2 million. They look at the Town as the applicant. Ms. Tobin picked up a check today from DePodesta Real Estate in the amount of \$100, and Ms. Coleman said there will be \$250 coming from Albertus Magnus.

Poetry Night will be held on February 26th in collaboration with Eli Cleary. The program will consist of an open mike followed by featured poet Richard Tillinghast. Ms. Coleman has been unable to contact Mr. Tillinghast, and will hold off on the publicity until we confirm his attendance. Publicity will be placed in the New York Times where Mr. Tillinghast was a critic for 20 years, and in our local papers. Mr. Tillinghast has written several books. We will provide simple refreshments for a reception in the lobby following the program. We might set up approximately 60 chairs. Ms. Nista said the Library is doing some exposure on this event, and several Library employees plan to attend. Ms. Cleary will be the emcee. The doors will open at 6:30 p.m.. Some poetry organizations will have tables set up. The open mike begins at 7:00 followed by our featured poet. This program is being sponsored by Sleeping Giant Poetry and in conjunction with the Library. Ms. Elkin, Mr. Henriquez, Ms. Jason, Ms. Nista (chair) and Ms. Brown will help. Mr. Henriquez will check with his contacts at Atticus regarding their poetry list.

There was discussion on the Commission having a page on Facebook. Mr. Henriquez will help set it up and keep it updated. He will check with Mayor Jackson and Ms. Coleman will check with Town Attorney Gruen.

Salute to Young Artists

This is an annual showcase of talented students that are Hamden residents. Nomination forms have been sent out. Mr. Henriquez suggested contacting local churches. Private schools were also suggested.

Summer Concerts

- 7/2 U. S. Air Force Band of Liberty and fireworks
- 7/9 The Turtles - contract in hand
- 7/16 Darryl Hall (There was discussion on the death of T-bone, Mr. Hall's behind the scene person that made it happen)

7/23 Greg Rawley confirmed

7/30 Tower of Power (Blessing Ofer will open)

Two more opening acts have to be secured.

Coordinator's Report

New Business Ideas

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 8:15 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
Gerry Tobin, Commission Clerk