

## Hamden Arts Commission

MINUTES: The Arts Commission, Town of Hamden, held a Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 1, 2011 in the Activity Room, Miller Library Complex. The following issues were discussed:

Commissioners in Attendance: Tracy Nista, Loraine Brown, Lisa DeGrand, Deb Dozier, Charles Kortsep, Sandy Schiff, Stacy Sandler, George Moore, Lois Jason, Donna Elkin

Commissioners Excused: Evelyn Skelly, Mark Peel, Derek Mirabilio, Ricardo Henriquez

Also in Attendance: Mimsie Coleman, Arts Coordinator  
Gerry Tobin, Commission Clerk, Hamden Patch

Call to Order

Mr. Moore called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

**Ms. Dozier made a motion to approve the minutes of May 4, 2011. Ms. Brown seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.**

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Kortsep reported the following balances in the Town Lines as of April 1<sup>st</sup>. Temporary Wages \$385, Advertising \$71.50, Special Programs \$200. Mr. Kortsep also reported a balance of \$52,886.78 in the Gift Fund and \$15,563.11 in the Saturday Series account as of 5/25/11.

## Old Business

### Salute to Young Artists – Review

Ms. Coleman thanked everyone and said the event went off beautifully in her absence. She said this is the first time she had everything written out the day before, so she was able to drop it off. Tom Conway did a great job. The performers were awesome and the audience was the largest ever.

Ms. Sandler was pleased to announce that UCONN's fine arts program only took eight students this year and two were from Hamden

### Compensation for Tom Conway

Ms. Coleman said Mr. Conway always gets paid for sound, lights, and technical assistance for Salute to Young Artists, but she wanted to pay him for being there that day in her absence. He refused, and he wanted to thank everyone for the great job they did. The total cost for this program was \$648.42 including Mr. Conway, the piano tuner, the Middle School food classes, the sound equipment, the program booklets, certificates, etc. CTV filmed the program.

**Ms. Jason made a motion to approve the expenses for Salute to Young Artists. Ms. Etkin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.**

### Pavilion Issues

Ms. Coleman said the mesh barrier curtains are just ruined. They are six years old. They were down during the winter because there was so much snow, Public Works couldn't get the bucket truck in there. They were shredded. Replacement is approximately \$7,500 which was coming from LoCIP, but they turned it down because it was not a permanent installation. There was Town Center Park capital improvement money, which Ms. Coleman has applied for. This has to be done before the first concert. Some of the floor panels will be replaced using LoCIP funds. The curtains should go up immediately after

Silver Bells to prevent storm damage in the future. We also have some broken lighting fixtures and will replace covers with LoCIP funds. Floor units are needed before the US Army Field Band concert. This will be a 90 minute concert with no intermission.

### Summer Concerts

Everything is in place for our Summer Concert series. The deposits have been paid. The Doo Wop group, (Drifters, Chiffons and Legendary Teenagers) are driving in and only staying for one night. Ms. Coleman met with a representative from the U. S. Army Field Band and all the details are worked out. They like big crowds. Ms. Dozier, Ms. Brown and Ms. Jason will participate in the bucket collection for the Volunteer Fire Department. Their fund raising has not gone well. Commissioners will wear their green shirts. If it rains, the Band will perform at the High School and will be fed there. Ms. Etkin will discuss details with the custodians. Th band wants to be near the stage 45 minutes prior to the concert. They will do a radio spot. There will be a tribute to Ben Sklaver. There was discussion on food items.

### Hospitality Report

Ms. Jason went to DeSorbo's and they will donate sliced bread for 100. She went to Giovanni's on Dixwell Avenue - his brother in law owns Tonino's. They will talk and decide who will supply what. 10-12 band members are vegetarians. Tonino's will donate four large trays two spaghetti with meatballs and two ziti, and they suggested we get two more restaurants to do the same. Perhaps from Everyday Gourmet - tossed salad. Ms. Brown will check with them and will also check with Amici's. We need a deadline in order to get the donors on the flyers.

June 11<sup>th</sup> is the first night of the Arts & Ideas Festival. They have plexiglass racks that our cards fit in. Everything has to be in by Friday to be included in the printing.

Ms. Schiff has requested gift cards from BJ's and Costco's. Ms. Jason will go to Stop & Shop and Shop Rite.

#### Committee Meeting: Opening Acts

The committee is looking for two more opening acts per Ms. Dozier. We have Boogie Chillin for the Spinners, Brandon Ferguson for either Steve Augeri or the Guess Who, and we need two more. We are thinking of Soul Tempo for the Doo Wop show and Ms. Coleman will call Steve Rogers for a suggestion. The opening acts are not confirmed.

#### Sponsorships

Ms. Coleman said we have no new sponsors so far this year. UI and SCGC are in together. The Credit Union will let us know.

#### Coordinator's Report

Ms. Coleman had nothing to report.

Ms. Etkin said June 7<sup>th</sup> is the chalk festival at the high school in the courtyard. Ms. Dozier spoke to someone about the limo and will discuss that with Ms. Coleman.

#### Election of Officers

Ms. Dozier made a motion to nominate the current slate of officers for another term.

Ms. Schiff objected and made a motion to have Ms. Jason and Mr. Moore serve as co-presidents, especially since Ms. Jason was called upon to run several meetings this past year.

A discussion ensued.

Ms. Brown made a motion to nominate Mr. Moore as chair, Ms. Jason and Ms. Nista as co-vice chairs, and Mr. Kortsep as treasurer. Ms. Sandler seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

New Business/Ideas/Good & Welfare

Adjournment

Ms. Nista made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Sandler seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gerry Tobin, Commission Clerk