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CULTURE & ARTS COMMISSION

Special Meeting
November 18, 2008
SEYMOUR TOWN HALL
7:30 PM

Members Present: Judith Simpson, Priscilla Altorelli, Valerie D'Anna, Linda Bellavance

Members Absent: Jane Hull Ann Conroy Mary Reyher

Others Present: Marc Weismann

Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM members recited the Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Marc Weismann introduced himself to the group explaining that he would be moving to Seymour 12/1/08 and had been a past member of the Derby Culture and Arts Commission. He volunteered to help out the Commission if needed and expressed interest in becoming a member if a seat were to become available.

Strand Report: Given by Priscilla Altorelli

Broken lights in the theater have been repaired.

October receipts are as follows: \$4,493.50 from October ticket sales and concessions
\$1,137.51 expenses

Chairman Judy Simpson reported to the commission that Jeri Swinnik, Strand Theater manager, will be presenting a letter to the Board at the January '09 meeting requesting raises for the employees of the theater. This matter will be addressed at budget time with the First Selectman.

The benefit sponsored by the Oxford Hair Academy held on October 16, 2008 at the Strand was a success. It was reported to be a "sold-out" affair.

Holy Rosary will be renting the Theater for a Christmas event on December 6, 2008.

Treasure's Report: (see attachment) Priscilla Altorelli reported:

Expenditures Since 10/14/08 Meeting:

\$1250.00 Knights of Columbus lease
\$50.00 Deposit to Milo Productions
\$99.00 Jane Hull Halloween bags
\$472.48 Electric bill

Secretary Report:

Minutes accepted as Read

Motion made Priscilla Altorelli

Second Valerie D'Anna

Vote: 4 Yes 0 No 0 Disqualify 0 Abstain

Secretary Linda Bellavance reported that the Art Contest had been presented to the Art Teachers within the school system. It is planned that 10 flags will be made with pole attachments being purchased as needed. Depending where the flags are hung, some light poles downtown already have flag holders on them. Discussion was whether to hang them on Bank Street in the midst of the antique shopping district or along Main Street. No decision was made; it will be reviewed at a later meeting.

Chairman's Report; Judy Simpson reported that the Halloween event was a huge success. She heard from many of the merchants that they were very pleased at the crowd that showed up to take part. She estimated that at least 275 – 300 children came to Trick or Treat in costume. Thank-you letters were delivered to all the merchants that took part in this year's festivities. It was noted that next year we would plan on 300 candy bags to be handed out.

Carolers will be strolling downtown on First Saturday in December from 6:30 – 8:30 PM. Priscilla Altorelli will meet the Carolers at Town Hall and let them in to change into their costumes. They will be instructed to start at Zois and continue up Main to Bank Street. Attorney Stanek has made his porch available again for the Carolers to use to entertain the shoppers.

The Lions Club will be sent a thank-you for their participation in the Trick or Treat Day. Chairman Simpson asked Valerie D'Anna to contact all the school nurses reminding them that the Lions Club will pay for any students needing an eye exam and glasses who can not afford it.

Valerie will also apply for a matching Grant through the State for the Kerry Boys' performance next summer.

December meeting will be canceled and the next meeting will be held on January 13, 2009. Priscilla Altorelli motioned that next year's meetings be held on the second Tuesday of the month, motioned second by Valerie D'Anna

4 Yes 0 No 0 Abstained 0 Disqualified

A letter will be sent to Davis Keyser regarding the bus for seniors next summer. Thank-you notes will also be sent to Roger Foster and Marco Gianotti for their assistance with keeping the Commission's events posted on the Message Board at the Community Center.

Motion to adjourn made at 9:05 by Linda Bellavance second Priscilla Altorelli.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Bellavance

EXPENDITURES SINCE OCTOBER 14, 2008 MEETING

1250.00 K of C November
50.00 Deposit Milo Productions - Carolers
99.00 Jane Hull - Halloween Bags
472.48 CL&P - Electric 9/29-10/29

1871.48 Total

CURRENT BUDGET BALANCE

9750.00 Rent
8385.00 Purchased Services
487.50 General Supplies
100.00 Building Improvements
5447.94 Electricity
8000.00 Other Utilities

32170.44 Total