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CULTURE & ARTS COMMISSION

Seymour Culture and Arts Commission
Meeting March 9, 2010
7:00 PM Seymour Town Hall

Those in attendance: Judy Simpson, Mary Reyher, Valerie D'Anna, Ann Conroy,
Priscilla Altorelli, Linda Bellavance

Others in attendance: David McWilliams

Call to Order: 7:20 PM – Pledge

Public Comment: David McWilliams of the band, Starving Artists, questioned the Board members to why his group was not asked to perform during the 2010 summer concert series. It was explained that the Commission tries to showcase a few different bands each year and the upcoming year did not allow a slot for his band to perform. The Commission did in fact assure Mr. McWilliams that if a slot became available we would give him a call to see of his group's availability. He was also assured that the Commission would do their best to get him scheduled in the 2011 concert series.

Strand Theater Report: None

Treasurer's Report: Priscilla Altorelli reported that the final count for the Save Our Strand fundraiser was \$2,399.00. A separate account will be set-up strictly for Strand renovations and the money will be placed there which may help with "Matching Grant" applications now that we have some money set aside strictly for that purpose.

See attached for Treasurer's accounting report. Motion made to accept Treasurer's report Mary Reyher, second Ann Conroy. **Vote: All in Favor

Secretary's Report: Priscilla Altorelli motioned that Minutes be accepted with correction, (Valerie D'Anna's name omitted from attendance) second Valerie D'Anna **Vote: All in Favor**

Chairman Simpson asked that certificates of appreciation be made and presented to James Tzepois of Zois Pizza and James Cohen of the Valley Community Foundation for their participation and donations for the Strand Theater's recent fundraising event. It was also reported to the Commission that a letter had been sent to Mr. John Szuch of the Economic Development Commission, regarding his questioning what the Culture and Arts Commission did for the town of Seymour. Chairman Simpson stated that she had outlined in details how our funds were spent and had given him a list of all the events, performances and bills which come under the direct supervision of the Culture and Arts Commission. She stated that she had invited him to attend a future meeting if he so wishes to discuss the Commissions duties further.

Chairman's Report: Flag Contest – Commission members had the opportunity to view all entries from the schools for the 2010 Community Spirit Art Contest before the start of the meeting. It was decided after viewing the exceptional work submitted by the High School that all four entries would be made into flags and 1 entry for LoPresti School would also be taken. Since this was the second year that the contest was sponsored within the school system and viewing the amount of entries and the exceptional work handed in for the students from the High School the Commission has decided to only offer the contest to High School students next year.

Arrangements will be made with Public Works for the flags to be hung downtown in time for the Memorial Day Parade. The flags from last year's contest will be hung again and we will place flags in addition to Bank Street also on Main Street.

Founder's Day: It was reported that a few groups have been signed up to perform the day of the event and John Banker will perform from 1-3 pm.

Concerts Series: Mary Reyher will be getting the signs ordered and all contracts have been returned. Valerie D'Anna will be making arrangements with the VFW and Mr. Yagovaine to supply the meal for the Navy Band in August.

Priscilla Altorelli reported that the newspaper insert is almost complete and will be given to Valerie to have printed and placed in the Valley Gazette for mid-June.

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:30 by Priscilla Altorelli second by Valerie D'Anna

Vote- All in Favor

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Bellavance

Linda Bellavance
Secretary

EXPENDITURES SINCE FEBRUARY 9, 2010 MEETING

189.65 CL&P
247.40 Constellation New Energy
500.00 P.O. 64231 Larry Ayce
775.00 P.O. 64232 Kerry Boys
500.00 P.O. 64233 Connecticut Entertainment/Riverboat Ramblers
500.00 P.O. 64234 Mike Savino/The Sons
500.00 P.O. 64235 Funky Butt Jazz Band
900.00 P.O. 64236 Flashback
500.00 P.O. 64237 Tony Castle
750.00 P.O. 64238 Rich Bobinski Orchestra
900.00 P.O. 64239 Flashback
350.00 P.O. 64240 J&J Gardens
200.00 P.O. 64241 Seymour P.D.
6,812.05

CURRENT BUDGET BALANCE

6,000.00 Rent
1,950.18 Purchased Services
413.90 General Supplies
100.00 Building Improvements
4,400.32 Electricity
3,977.28 Other Utilities
16,841.68