

Arts Commission Minutes
August 18, 2008

I. Call to Order

Meeting commenced at 7:45 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Attendance

Present:	Frank Alcorace	Absent:	Suzanne Crean
	Lisa D'Andrea		Marianna Hanley
	Aldona LaPorta		Craig Malone
	Margie Paul-Gaston		
	Ty Smith		
	Melissa Teator		
	Mindy Fragosa		

IV. Officer's Report

A. Secretary's Report

Minutes for the July meeting were read and approved.

B. Treasurer's Report

The account has a balance of \$6,022.49. The commission was reimbursed \$388.12 from the town, part of a financial glitch from the '07-'08 expenditures. There was discussion on keeping aside \$2000 as a beginning for the bands of the '09 summer concert season.

The scholarship fund had a deposit of \$380.21 from the 2nd concert collection. Melissa ran children's games that night also, with "Arty" bears as the big prize, and collected \$70. The scholarship account balance is now \$850.16.

V. Public Comment

Comments were submitted about hula hoop activity at the previous concert. People were upset with the number of hula hoops and their closeness to the audience and the band. Ty spoke with the woman who brought the hoops about these concerns.

Mindy requested copies of the commission minutes so that she can report to the burgesses. She would also like last year's ending financial balance figures, so that she can try and argue to get more of the commission's money returned or find out where the money went. Mindy also suggested the commission ask Mike Massicotte, the Town Hall custodian, for any "muscle" help needed with tables, etc. for upcoming activities.

VI. Old Business

A. Commission Vacancies

There are two vacancies remaining on the commission.

B. Senior Event

Margie received lots of very positive feedback from the *Frank Porto Band* event. They would like to have them back at some point and thanked the Arts Commission, because "it was the best group in a long time"! Discussion on a Senior event for October.

C. Summer Concerts

This will be the last concert of the season and the last scholarship "bucket" night. All commissioners should be there for the collection. Melissa will be running the children's game again. Frank suggested a plaque in the ground where Caesar Ruggeri always sits to enjoy the concerts.

D. Photo Contest

Melissa presented a list of themes from the internet. We discussed several and narrowed it down to "Planes, Trains, and Automobiles", "Vacations", and "Fairs". After more discus-

sion, it was decided to go with the modes of transportation. The photo does not have to be recognizable as Naugatuck. No portraits, because it limits the ability to use the photo in the future. The contest applications will be available at Harvest Moon. Notices will be put on Cable and WATR. After discussion, Margie made a motion – *“Allocate \$200 for an ad for the photo contest to be placed into the Citizens’ News.”* Ty seconded. Motion passed.

E. Cemetery Walk

No report at this time.

F. Poetry Reading

Melissa and Anthony Sorge (NHS) would like to try a reading in Sept., if there is enough interest from the students when they return to school. It will be Friday, Sept. 26, at Rachel’s Coffee House. The Arts will cover the coffee and punch. Rachel will have food available for purchase. Melissa will also contact Bob Kogut (music dept.) to see if anyone would be interested in playing or singing (open mic).

G. Car Show Chalk Walk

Margie reported that there were not enough children of the younger age group interested in doing any drawing. So, she and Suzanne did not stay more than a couple hours.

H. pARTicipate

The next event is scheduled for October 18th, but Marianna was not here to discuss it.

I. School Event

Margie will contact Maple Hill to see what event we can sponsor or help them with.

J. Harvest Moon

Lisa passed around a sign-up sheet for selling the bears and photo notecards. Someone needs to be at the booth at all times, because of the money box. The activity board needs to be updated. Lisa will ask Marianna to help her with that.

Since the notecards have been selling well at the concerts and in the Town Hall, we discussed purchasing more, so that there will be enough for the booth. Melissa made a motion – *“Allocate \$500 to purchase more photo notecards.”* Margie seconded. Motion passed.

VII. New Business

A. Future Events

All future events are currently in progress.

B. Website registration

Ty informed the commission that the domain name registration fee of \$24 is due. Melissa made a motion – *“Allocate \$24 to reregister the Arts Commission website.”* Margie seconded. Motion passed.

VIII. Roundtable

Ty has all the recent newspaper articles to be cut out for the activity board.

Melissa has not received any confirmation from the Mayor’s Office about her address change. Lisa will check with Nancy.

Mindy would like several boxes of notecards to bring to her salon.

Aldona had a question from the choir board. If someone was to get hurt at a concert, would the town be responsible, now that the choir has 501 status. Ty suggested she contact Wayne McAllister, the town comptroller.

Lisa – Next meeting will be **Tuesday, September 16 at 7:30 p.m.**

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was called to a close at 9:00 p.m.