

Arts Commission Meeting Minutes
February 20, 2007

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 PM.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.

Attendance

Present:

Suzanne Crean

Aldona LaPorta

Craig Malone

Burgess Mindy Fragosa

Margie Paul-Gaston

Ty Smith

Nancy Wilcox

Absent:

Frank Alcorace

Lisa D'Andrea

Officer's Report

Secretary's Report

There was an old "New Business" inadvertently added to the January Minutes. Suzanne Crean motioned to accept the revised minutes. Margie Paul-Gaston seconded. The motion was passed.

Nancy Wilcox will remind Nancy DiMeo (filling in for Marge Findlay) that the minutes will need to be mailed because all commission members do not have email.

Treasurer's Report

Unencumbered expenses total \$5689.33 at this time according to the town ledger. Ty Smith reported that many of these funds are already planned for. Suzanne Crean motioned to accept the financial report. Margie Paul-Gaston seconded. The motion was passed.

Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

Old Business

Veterans' Concert

The facility and date have been confirmed. The concert will take place at NHS and run from 5:00-9:30. Efforts have been made to cut down on the time due to the fact that we will have to pay for custodians. Lisa will follow-up on sound. Acts need to be confirmed. Susanne Crean reported that public access will play the concert if it is recorded. The commission will seek a recorder.

The cover of the program was presented by Nancy Wilcox and approved by the commission members. Ty Smith will forward the program as the list of performances develops and forward a digital copy of the picture.

Summer Concert Series

Rain dates location has been confirmed. The costs are still unknown. The commission has reserved the NHS patio for every Tuesday. There will need to be access to power and lavatories. In the vent of rain, the concert will take place on the patio. The call will need to be made by 4:00 PM. The green is confirmed for use on Tuesdays from 4:30 on.

Ty Smith posed a question about vendor responsibility on the green during concerts. Mindy Fragosa suggested writing a letter from the Arts Commission to the Parks Commission re: vendor clarification/rules on the green. Ty Smith reported that this has been done on the past. He will send another letter gain this year. In the past, the question had been referred to the Mayor's Office and several versions of protocol have taken places over the years. The Arts Commission would like to have this conflict resolved prior to the start of the current year Summer Concert Series.

Scholarship

A committee needs to be selected. Nancy Wilcox will abstain since she knows so many of the students. A discussion as to possible reasons why there have been a limited number of applicants took place. Nancy Wilcox will encourage high school arts, music, and theater students to apply through the schools and department personnel.

Senior Event

Margie Paul-Gaston was not able to find formation on Connecticut site. She was able to find information from the old site and contacted several performers. Margie made a motion to appropriate money for "Good Time Harmony Club" on June 28th at 1:00 in the amount of \$200. Susanne Crean seconded. The motion was passed. Margie will seek a written contract prior to payment.

Margie is working on an act for Mother's Day on May 10th at 1:00.

Puppet Show

Margie Paul-Gaston reported that the "Hurdy Gurdy Band" Puppet Show directors have been contacted and are interested in performing. The performance would take place indoors at one of the elementary schools dependent on needs met for performance requirements in May. One session would cost \$450. Margie will seek a written contract. Susanne Crean motioned to allocate funds for the performance in the amount of \$450. Aldona LaPorta seconded. The motion was passed.

Photography Classes

Margie also reported that she has had little progress on instructors. Those contacted were not available. She will look into the possibility of a summer schedule. Craig Malone will inquire at NVCC.

New Business

New Member

Craig Malone has been appointed as a member of the Arts Commission. Thanks you to Charles Marengi for his recruitment efforts.

Budget

A budget will be submitted with an increase request due to the increased costs of bands, rain expenses and custodial expenses. A cash flow problem is expected to ensue and monies will need to be allocated for “rainy” days.

Duck Race

Information on the Duck Race was published in the Waterbury Republican. The commission discussed possible ways to be involved. Nancy Wilcox is looking into an art connection and will contact Susanne Crean if information requested is received before Thursday’s meeting.

Army Band

The 102nd Army Band, although officially “on duty”, is performing a tour this year and has requested to perform in Naugatuck. This is an honor. The concert would take place on August 2nd on the green. That is a Thursday evening from 7-9. The band will be added to the Summer Concert Series and advertised at the Veteran’s Concert. There will be no charge. Expenses would include 40 chairs and dinner for the band. In the event of rain then a facility will have to be reserved. Ty Smith reported that in his discussions with the Facilities Committee they were not favorable to booking NHS or the schools. The committee will look into churches and other possibilities. Janitor, police, and fire expenses may be necessary.

Poetry Slam

A Poetry Slam is a competitive reading of original poems with registration. An event such as this might take place after school or in the evening. Mindy Fragosa suggested contacting the high school department heads for their thoughts. Nancy Wilcox will speak with Amy Stewart of the English Department. Susanne Crean will talk to the historical Society for their ideas.

Round Table

Suzanne Crean spoke about a Book Club idea.

The committee welcomes Craig Malone and will continue to seek new participants. Nancy Wilcox will put together an events calendar for 2007.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Wilcox

Secretary