

**Arts Commission Minutes
January 19, 2010**

I. Call to Order

Meeting commenced at 7:50 p.m. There is no quorum, so no motions may be passed.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Attendance

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

IV. Officer's Report

A. Secretary's Report

Minutes for the December meeting were read approved.

B. Treasurer's Report

The account has a present balance of \$991.77 to spend by June 30, 2010.

V. Public Comment

None

VI. Old Business

A. pARTicipate

Tabled to Spring.

B. Photo Contest

This contest will be ending 2/15. Melissa will try to get a reminder into *Citizens News*.

C. Senior Prom

Melissa will look into the American Legion Hall for 5/1 or 4/24 (\$75), 7 -10 p.m. Lisa will book the DJ (\$250). Reservations will be encouraged and it will be BYOB. We discussed food, decorations, and other items needed. We will display posters and flyers to promote the event at the Neil Diamond Show, as well as other venues.

D. Children's Event

Nothing at this time.

E. Diamond Collection

Posters are out, up and down the Valley. Ticket requests are coming in – there are 190 out so far. WATR started giving out tickets today, and the announcement is on cable. Lisa will ask the Mayor's Office to send an e-mail to all the town departments, to make sure they know of the event and, hopefully, support it. Commission members should be there at 6 p.m. to collect tickets, and "man" the raffle and refreshment tables. Suzanne will get boxes for Food Bank donations. Raffle items are still needed – discussion on places which might be willing to give gift certificates.

F. Event Checklist

Lisa passed out a revised checklist. Upon review, there was another addition to be made.

VII. New Business

A. Music Recital

The next recital will be Tuesday, February 23rd at 7 p.m. at the Whittemore Library. Lisa has several people interested in performing that evening.

B. ASCAP

Ty has received a bill for \$300 from ASCAP for all our music events. We will vote at the February meeting to make the bill payable every year.

C. Budget Request

The request for the 2010-2011 year is due this week. The town is asking for a \$0 increase from all departments and commissions.

D. Future Events/Ideas

Melissa will work with Frank to put together a handout of all Arts upcoming events through the summer. They hope to have it ready for the Neil Diamond Show.

VIII. Roundtable

Lisa – Next meeting will be **Tuesday, February 16 at 7:30 p.m.** Please watch your e-mails for any announcements.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was called to a close at 8:50 p.m.