

**Arts Commission Minutes  
July 21, 2009**

**I. Call to Order**

Meeting commenced at 7:40 p.m.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Attendance**

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

**IV. Officer's Report**

**A. Secretary's Report**

Minutes for the May meeting were read approved. (There was no June meeting held)

**B. Treasurer's Report**

The account has a present balance of \$6,235.00.

Lisa reported that we gave back \$.56 to the town last year. The new year's budget began on July 1<sup>st</sup> and the Arts received \$13,720. We presently have 2 outstanding bills for Harvest Moon.

Aldona reported that we collected \$140.63 from the 1<sup>st</sup> scholarship collection at the summer concerts.

**V. Public Comment**

None

**VI. Old Business**

**A. Veterans' Concert**

Everyone commented that we had a good crowd and everything seemed to go well. Ty would like to have more diversity in the acts. He would like everyone to look for some new acts that we may be able to incorporate.

Melissa said that the American Legion Auxiliary would be willing to collect donated items for the troops and get them sent out.

Marianna suggested putting together a slide show of Naugatuck's past and present vets. Frank suggested approaching the soccer league, as they do a lot of that for their banquets. We also discussed contacting the Historical Society and the various veterans' organizations.

**B. Recital Series**

June's went well. It was a younger participant crowd and a larger audience. They had a good selection of instruments. We will skip to September and try to get articles into the local newspapers.

**C. pARTicipate**

June's event was a success. Neither newspaper printed their article previous to the event! Marianna is looking to hold another one possibly August 29<sup>th</sup>.

**D. Poetry Reading**

Melissa and Anthony Sorge, of NHS, are planning to begin the poetry after school gets back

in session. They will try to do 2 months in a row, to keep people's interest. Marianna suggested combining "pARTicipate" with a poetry reading to see what type of interest we'd get. Margie agreed, "That might be cool to do a joint thing." Lisa will speak with Rachel's Coffeehouse to assess her interest.

**E. Harvest Moon**

All of the entertainment is booked. Lisa will be making a "work calendar" for the ARTS Booth for that weekend with 2 hour time slots. Lisa, Marianna, and Melissa will work on putting the display board together. We discussed again possibly doing some type of food (baked potatoes, corn-on-the-cob, etc.) The idea was tabled for this year, because it entails a lot of preparation. Watch your e-mails for the "work calendar"!

**F. Summer Concerts**

Tonight's concert was rained out, and Thursday is looking "iffy". If Thursday is rained out, "Marty Q" will be rescheduled to Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. Since we have lost a scholarship collection night to rain, we will hold the next one at the July 28<sup>th</sup> concert, then the 2 scheduled for "Kerry Boys" and "Crosseyed Cat".

**G. Photo Contest**

The contest is being promoted at the summer concerts. Since the contest will be ending Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>, it was decided to display all the entries at the Harvest Moon. Hopefully, this will spark more interest for the next contest beginning that weekend. We will be judging the "Valley Architecture" contest at the meeting in September.

**H. Event Checklist**

Tabled for future meeting.

**VII. New Business**

**A. Future Events/Ideas**

In your travels, Keep aware of any new "artsy" ideas that we might be able to use.

**B. Music Licensing**

Tabled for another meeting.

**C. Concert Signs**

Ty will be unavailable to place the sandwich concert signs out for August 11. Dave offered to take care of them.

**D. Miscellaneous**

The Car Show is Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup>. Lisa and Melissa will be doing "Chalk the Walk" for the children on the Green starting about 3.

At a later date, Ty would like to revisit our expenses for Harvest Moon. Presently, we spend about \$1600 of our budget for this event.

Ty suggested printing up flyers with information on all our upcoming events – photo contest, pARTicipate, recitals, poetry reading, etc. They could be available at the concerts, car show, and Harvest Moon. Everyone agreed that was a good idea. He will put it together.

**VIII. Roundtable**

Margie – "I will be away for the month of August."

Lisa – Next meeting will be **Tuesday, August 25 at 7:30 p.m.**

**IX. Adjournment**

The meeting was called to a close at 8:42 p.m.