

Arts Commission Meeting Minutes
March 20, 2007

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:39 PM.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.

Attendance

Present:

Frank Alcorace
Lisa D'Andrea
Suzanne Crean
Aldona LaPorta

Ty Smith
Nancy Wilcox

Absent:

Craig Malone
Margie Paul-Gaston

Officer's Report

Secretary's Report

Revised minutes for January were presented. Suzanne Crean motioned to accept the February minutes. Aldona LaPorta seconded. The motion was passed. The tentative calendar will be revised each month.

Treasurer's Report

YTD spending is \$9,674.59. There is a ledger balance of \$3,325.41 with \$1452.30 in encumbered expenses, leaving a balance of \$2729.11 to June 30th. Suzanne Crean motioned to accept the financial report. Aldona LaPorta seconded. The motion was passed.

Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

Old Business

Summer Concert Series

There are no solid costs on the use of the patio yet; Ty Smith has been having discussions about the janitorial contracts with Wayne McCallister, Facilities, and NHS Building Administration.

Vendor rules have been clarified by the Parks Commission. Gordon Rossi and the entire Park Department feel that we have the right to run events as we see fit. Note: this opinion was without speaking to any attorney. The Parks Department will issue the Arts Commission a permit similar to the permits required by the ball field use. The Commission will be in charge of providing vendor permits. The same rules would apply to NHS at a rain event as precedence by the 4th of July Celebration.

Sirius Coyote

The event is planned for April 3, 2007. Ty Smith has the check and will attend with Margie Paul-Gaston.

Vacancies

Commissioners are still needed.

Senior Events

Planned senior events will go on as scheduled. No new updates.

Puppet Show

The puppet show is scheduled for Andrew Avenue school on May 9th with Margie Paul-Gaston.

Veterans Concert

NHS is booked for the event. Acts are still needed. Ty Smith is waiting for responses on acts and sound. The Commission thought the cover of the program would make a good poster. The poster size is 11x17, color or black and white. Nancy Wilcox will send Frank Alcorace the photo. Frank needs more information. The poster may be presented in jpeg format.

Note of clarification: Nancy will present the poster.

102nd Army Band

The concert is scheduled to take place on the green. St. Michael's Church will provide chairs and tables. Nancy Wilcox will look into possible catering options to feed 40 people. Motion was made to allocate \$300 for dinner expenses by Suzanne Crean. Aldona LaPorta seconded. The motion was passed.

Suzanne Crean reported that St. Hedwig's is available for a rain location with the approval of Father Steve. The concert is scheduled for Thursday, August 2nd.

Duck Race

Nancy Wilcox researched information on artistic events held at other locations. Larchmont, New York held a fiberglass duck public art project. Proceeds from the auction were donated to local charities and local businesses/corporations sponsored the event. Events similar to this are held across the country with various fiberglass animals painted by local artists held for auction. The ducks sold for \$1000-\$3000 dollars a piece. There would be a shared development fee of \$1600 and \$720 for each fiberglass unpainted duck for quantities of 1-9 through Cowpainters, LLC out of Chicago. Smaller animals were listed for \$250 each. The Commission felt that this was out of our price range, we did not have enough overhead or upfront cost, and that we did not have enough local corporate business to support such an event. Other animal options were even more costly. The Commission will support the Duck Race through ticket purchases.

Photography Classes

No new updates.

Budget

The budget has been approved with an increase of \$1000 for the fiscal year July 1, 2007 – July 1, 2008.

Poetry

Nancy Wilcox presented an idea to support the NHS Poetry Club magazine/book printing. The club advisors were not able to attend this meeting but will present their proposal formally at the next meeting in April. A written proposal will be sent to Lisa D'Andrea. The Commission is interested as a group. Questions will be presented to the advisors by Nancy Wilcox to answer as part of the proposal. Details will be forthcoming.

Book Club

Suzanne Crean reported that the Town of Naugatuck would have to apply to be selected to be part of the program. Suzanne is currently researching the requirements.

New Business

NHS Band

Lisa D'Andrea presented a proposal from Sandy Lee for funding to provide a clinic of dance and equipment technique to the NHS Band Colorguard and Winterguard. Proposal is attached. Suzanne Crean motioned to fund \$350 for instructor costs in dance and equipment technique; Frank Alcorace seconded. Nancy Wilcox abstained. The motion was passed. The Commission agrees not to allocate funds for security for use of a public building.

Harvest Moon

The Commission is planning to allocate the same funding provided last year for the current year's entertainment. There was discussion about the Arts Commission booth and how to enhance and man the booth. The idea will be revisited.

Punctuation

The punctuation for the sign has been received. Ty Smith is working on sign repairs. The large sign will change when the weather breaks.

Future Events

"Our Town" Photo Contest will be open to middle and high school students as well as an adult division this year. Three places will be awarded per division and advertisements will take place online and in events news. The commission discussed allocating \$450 in prize money in the form of gift certificates. The event will be held earlier this year to allow for calendar printing.

Round Table

The Commission feels that the schedule is full this year and we are making efforts to expand our interests through the dance clinic and possible poetry events.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M. The next meeting is scheduled for April 17, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Wilcox
Secretary