

Arts Commission Meeting Minutes
May 15, 2007

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:44 PM.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.

Attendance

Present:

Lisa D'Andrea
Suzanne Crean
Aldona LaPorta

Margie Paul-Gaston
Ty Smith
Nancy Wilcox

Absent:

Frank Alcorace
Craig Malone

Officer's Report

Secretary's Report

Minutes for April were presented. Aldona LaPorta motioned to accept the minutes. Suzanne Crean seconded. The motion was passed.

Treasurer's Report

Balance with encumbered expenses as listed is \$447.66. Nancy Wilcox will get invoices for the Literary Magazine and the Dance Clinic. Suzanne Crean motioned to accept the financial report. Margie Paul-Gaston seconded. The motion was passed.

Public Comment

Mayor Mike Bronko stopped in and the commission members and activities were introduced.

Caesar Ruggeri asked for flyers or posters of the summer concerts for the Senior Center newsletter and church bulletins. Information is posted on the website. Caesar will also help with scholarship donations at the concerts this summer.

Old Business

Summer Concert Series

Permit use was reviewed. A confirmation for the rain date location for the 102nd Army Band needs to be received (Suzanne Crean). Commissioners will be needed to be in charge of concert events. A tentative schedule was written – will be finalized when all members have been contacted.

Ty Smith will speak with the newspaper about band information.

Vacancies

Commissioners are still needed.

Senior Events

Good Time Harmony Club will perform on 6/26/07. Ty Smith gave the check to Margie Paul-Gaston. No news on the former state troubadour.

Puppet Show

The puppet show took place as scheduled. It was a shadow puppet theater program lasting 45 minutes. Margie Paul-Gaston reported that the event was entertaining for both adults and children. The students were engaged and the puppeteers would “love to come again”.

Veterans Concert

Ty Smith gave Nancy Wilcox the final listing for performances. Nancy will type the program, get approval, and run copies. Lisa D’Andrea gave Nancy paper to use for the copies. The posters have been printed and are hanging in Town Hall. The news releases have been sent as well as advertising in cable television.

Sound was hired by Ty Smith for the price allotted. A visit to NHS has taken place to assess needs. Ty will need Frank to help with the lights.

Duck Race

The Community Choir and the Community Band are selling raffles tickets.

Photo Contest

The flyers have been approved by the Board of Education Curriculum Committee and will go out to all students. Copies will be delivered to the Board of Education to disperse.

Photography Classes

No news.

Scholarships

Lead time decision was minimal. Two finalists were chosen to receive two \$300 scholarships. Lisa D’Andrea noted that scholarship is not a line item in the budget – plan to draft a proposal for next year to add line item. Scholarships will be presented at Honors Night on May 24, 2007. Caesar Ruggeri will be there to present.

Poetry

There are conflicts with the May 30th date. The committee proposes a June 10th event on a Sunday. Nancy Wilcox will check with Anthony Sorge and get back to Lisa D’Andrea.

Book Club

Suzanne Crean has a call out to the organization, waiting for a reply.

Harvest Moon

Ty Smith reported that the film will not work – outdated information. We will need a new press release, new pictures, and new documentation of current events. Ways to display photos was discussed.

New Business

Future Events

Possibilities were discussed: Community Theater Troupe, Restaurant Murder Mystery Dinner Theater Troupe, Cabaret, and Seven Angels Theater.

Round Table

Posters for summer concerts may be a good option.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:39 P.M. The next meeting is scheduled for June 19, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Wilcox
Secretary