

**Arts Commission Minutes  
November 17, 2009**

**I. Call to Order**

Meeting commenced at 7:50 p.m.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Attendance**

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

**IV. Officer's Report**

**A. Secretary's Report**

Minutes for the October meeting were read approved.

**B. Treasurer's Report**

The account has a present balance of \$5,478.77 to spend by June 30, 2010.

We did receive the CT State Arts Grant for \$958.

Besides our present encumbered expenses, we are budgeting \$1000 for a children's program and \$500 for a "Senior" Prom.

**V. Public Comment**

None

**VI. Old Business**

**A. USAF Bay State Winds**

Though it was sparsely attended (33 people), the concert was excellent. The band was pleased with the turnout and mentioned that their concert band will be touring in the Spring. Charley suggested using one of their small groups with the Recital Series.

**B. Recital Series**

It was another successful evening. Dave suggested using the downstairs room because it has better acoustics. Charley reported that that room is presently being redone and has no piano. We discussed looking into acquiring a piano.

**C. Poetry Reading**

The event had one participant – Melissa's son, Andrew. He was very entertaining, for those in attendance! Since Anthony Sorge was sick, none of his students came. There was also a mix-up of dates in the newspaper. Melissa will wait for a January date.

**D. pARTicipate**

Nothing at this time.

**E. Photo Contest**

This contest had only 2 entrants, each submitting 3 photos. Although numerous flyers were taken by people, there was no publicity in the papers as a reminder. After discussion, it was decided to extend the "Fashion" theme deadline to February 15<sup>th</sup> and include the 2 entrants' photos. We will try and do more publicity at such places as NVCC, NHS, and Valley photography clubs.

**F. Senior Prom**

A location is still being sought. Discussion on seeking contributions from Big Y and Stop & Shop for food.

**G. Children's Event**

Dave will e-mail suggestions to everyone for consideration.

**H. Diamond Collection**

Ty handed out and reviewed an event checklist. He has had a problem getting the permission form back from the NHS offices, but would still like to move forward with the plans. Charley suggested getting co-sponsors, such as WATR, Citizens' News, and Waterbury Republican. Margie will contact Tom Chute and Bob Sagendorf of WATR. Melissa will try newspapers in Cheshire and Bristol. Flyers will be put around town with Dave's phone number and the Arts address, so interested people can send for tickets. We will give some tickets to WATR for their contests. Discussion on having vendors in the lobby. Dave suggested the Arts sell refreshments, with the money going into the scholarship fund. Ty spoke with Southington about the group's popularity, and found that they draw a crowd of 3400 people to the Southington Green! That helps to make us very optimistic about this being a successful event!

**I. Event Checklist**

The checklist that Ty made is the type of form that Lisa would like to see used for large projects. It contains all the information needed for anyone to be able to know what needs to be done. We reviewed the form and it was suggested to add "publicity contacts and phone numbers".

**VII. New Business**

**A. Future Events/Ideas**

We presently have several in the works. Please watch your e-mails for information on any of them.

**B. Liaison**

Margie spoke with Mindy Fragoso at the Mayor's Ball and learned that she is no longer our Burgess liaison.

**VIII. Roundtable**

Lisa – Next meeting will be **Tuesday, December 15 at 7:30 p.m.**

**IX. Adjournment**

The meeting was called to a close at 9:00 p.m.