

Arts Commission Meeting Minutes
October 25, 2007

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 PM.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.

Attendance

Present:

Frank Alcorace

Lisa D'Andrea

Aldona LaPorta

Craig Malone

Margie Paul-Gaston

Ty Smith

Melissa Teator

Nancy Wilcox

Absent:

Suzanne Crean

Officer's Reports

Secretary's Report

Craig Malone made a motion to accept the minutes of the August meeting. Ty Smith seconded. All in favor, the motion was passed.

Treasurer's Report

Scholarship account balance is \$986.17. Margie Paul-Gaston made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Craig Malone seconded. All in favor, the motion was passed.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Old Business

Commission Vacancies

Sarah Farkas is on the November agenda for Town approval. That still leaves two vacancies currently for the board.

Events

The former state troubadour is back in the country as reported by Craig Malone. Craig will secure a date for the seniors for a possible Thursday at 1:00 PM.

Photo Contest

The Photo Contest winners are currently on display at Rachel's Village Coffee Shop on Church Street. The plaques are in to attach to the photos. Public responses are positive. There

was discussion that displaying the photos may be better publicity than using the newspaper and announcements at concerts.

Nancy Wilcox reported results of pricing for calendars. The commission felt that the pricing was too costly for calendars but that note cards might be more reasonable. Margie Paul-Gaston proposed an allocation of \$349.00 plus S&H for the purchase of note cards. Ty Smith seconded. All in favor, the motion was passed. Nancy Wilcox will investigate further and submit designs.

Cemetery Walk

Aldona LaPorta reported that the cemetery event went well; needed to use microphones or some kind of amplification system; projection was weak for some; better attended than last year.

Book Signing

Wine and cheese was contributed by the commission for the Labriola book signing at the library.

Puppet Show

The “Bullying” Puppet Show is scheduled for April 7th. Melissa Teator is planning to attend.

Halloween Party

The Halloween on the green event was cancelled. The Mayor’s office is planning to hold the Christmas tree lighting event as planned. The Arts Commission will provide the DJ on December 8th from 6-8 PM.

Thunder in the Valley

The commission is planning to present a trophy for Best in Show on Saturday evening.

Poetry Reading

Another poetry reading event will be held on Friday, November 9th, at 7 PM at the Historical Society in conjunction with the NHS Literary Club. Frank will design a poster; need live music from 6-7. Craig Malone proposed a \$100 allocation for “coffee and”. Margie Paul-Gaston seconded. All in favor, the motion was passed.

New Business

Summer Concert Series

Ty Smith reports that there will be ten dates this coming summer. Five bands have been booked and five more are needed to fill the dates. There will be a band for the July 4th Fireworks at NHS. Booked bands include: MacTalla Mor, Mugsy’s Back, the Naugatuck Community Band, The Governor’s Footguard Band, Cross-Eyed Cat, and the Kerry Boys.

Future Ideas

A new photo contest for winter was discussed.

Roundtable

Ty Smith presented more “RRRRRR’s” for signage. There were no additional comments.

Adjournment

The next meeting will be held on November 20, 2008 at 7:30 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Wilcox
Secretary