

**Arts Commission Minutes
September 21, 2010**

I. Call to Order

Meeting commenced at 7:40 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Attendance

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

IV. Officer's Report

A. Secretary's Report

No minutes were prepared for this meeting.

B. Treasurer's Report

No Treasurer's Report was prepared for this meeting.

V. None

VI. Old Business

A. Participate

The event was rained out. Marianna would like to find a good indoor space to use so the event isn't dependent upon the weather.

B. Children's Event

The Magic Show has not occurred yet. Dave will start to put together information to run the larger "musical experience" he was working on last year. Dave made a motion to allocate \$1000 for the children's event, Marianna seconded. The motion was voted on and carried.

C. Senior Event

Charley was not present to discuss this event.

D. Newspaper/Advertising

Dave is still working on putting a list of available media together. Melissa will help him put the list together. It will provide information on advertising in local areas, including pricing for such advertising. We would like to focus more on those publications that would be willing to put information out for free.

VII. New Business

A. Future Events/Ideas

A discussion was held on what the Arts Commission should be. Are we here only to provide summer concerts? What do we want to be known as? How do we make connections with other arts communities? How do other

Towns succeed at supporting the arts? We will all think about this over the next month and have more discussion at the next meeting.

Future event- Could we do a big event? The idea was brought up to hold a festival. We need to think about what that would involve and would we be willing to do the work to host a large event?

B. Summer Concerts

Lisa has taken over arranging summer concert bands. She has contracted for the 2011 series those bands that qualify for the grant from the Commission on Culture and Tourism. Those bands are The Kerry Boys, CT Mac Talla M’Or, Hot Cat Jazz and Last Fair Deal.

C. Fall Recitals

Lisa has received some calls about students wanting to sign up to perform. She will be putting together performers to have the next recital at in late October.

IX. The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.