



**MINUTES REGULAR MEETING
OXFORD CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION
March 11th, 2014**

The Oxford Cultural Arts Commission met in a special session in the Town Hall, Room B, 486 Oxford Road, Oxford, Connecticut 06478.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Martin Earley called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present:

Chairman Martin Earley
Treasurer Elaine Shown
Secretary Patricia Pace
Commissioner Ashleigh Smith
Commissioner Laura Maksymiw
Commissioner Karen Earley

Audience of Citizen

Dorothy Peebles-Pelley (Gallery of Art Director)

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

None

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Commissioner Pace unfortunately had only 2 or 3 pages of the minutes, so they were not entirely reviewed. Comm. Pace shall email February's minutes to the commissioners.

CORRESPONDENCE AND BILLS

P.O. Box-cashed checks, Request to participate in Oxford Day scheduled for 6/14/14, Oxford High School letter concerning OCAC scholarship for May, letter from woman requesting to be paid grant writer, letter of appointments from Town Hall regarding Commissioners Earley, Pace, and Maksymiw., numerous phone messages for GOA show.

ACTING CHAIR'S REPORT

Commissioner Earley expressed his thanks to our Art Director, Dorothy Peebles-Pelley for her hard work and for submitting our information to Country Life publication. He shall also send information to Country Life concerning the entertainment for the GOA showcase. Com. Earley shall secure The Grange for the weekend of the showcase in May, instead of renting a tent. Go Daddy bill to be paid, Constant Contact, and Valley Cultural Arts Association, Com. Earley confirmed a time for the Red Lantern production to be held at noon.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Commissioner Shown requested of Jim Hilva a print out of our funds/accounting. Commissioner Shown indicated that our budget was reduced by the Town from \$3,000.00 to \$2,000.00 for 2014.

NINE MILE PLAYERS

Commissioner Smith expressed concern for securing a location to hold rehearsals for NMP's production of "A Musical Review." Commission Earley indicated that she contact Melissa at Comcast for space. This was a wonderful suggestion.

GALLERY OF ART

Dorothy Peebles-Pelley submitted her status report for the OCAC 2014 Gallery of Art Showcase, February through March, 2014 to be approximately 28 hours. (see attached)

Art Director Peebles-Pelley has been in touch with submitting artists, visiting numerous art groups. Drt. Peebles-Pelley indicated that Silvermine was sending out an email blast to their list of people, as well as the Robin Zella from Housatonic College, who has over 600 emails on her list. Fantastic news, Dorothy! Drt. Peebles-Pelley also met with Joanne Pelton.

Discussion concerning times for the children's workshop to be held at the same time as the Lenny's Dead performance for adults. "Learn to Jury an Art Exhibit," shall be held on Saturday, May 17th at 10 a.m. The Commission still needs the Best in Show award of \$500.00, the \$300.00 award, and one \$25.00 remains outstanding. We have three \$25.00 awards already donated, one in memory of Laura Maksymiw's mother, one for Princess Tortellini, and an award donated by Riverside Community Church. Secure advertising, need signs, Dorothy shall contact Woodbury Pewter for People's Choice Award.

Drt. Peebles-Pelley urged the Commission to contemplate a name for the Oxford art festival event.

The GOA showcase is transitioning into a real festival, it is a very exciting time for the Commission.

STATUS, DISCUSSION, AND PLANNING FOR ONGOING COMMISSION PROJECTS:

A request was made by Drt. Peebles-Pelley to Comm. Pace to reserve the meeting room for 4/15/14 for the Commission to jury the artwork of FCAA, and for an artist reception to be held on 4/24/14 in the meeting room from 6 p.m. to 9p.m. **Motion was made by Commissioner Earley to approve an award of \$50.00 for the Best in Show in the FCAA exhibit, seconded by Commissioner Shown, all in favor, motion carried.**

Director Peebles-Pelley has asked Robert Johnson if he would like to exhibit for either July or August, as these two months are open. Commission Shown indicated that the cabinet Comm. Pace stored our belongings in, has now been locked. Please try to find out who has the key, reminder: ask Stanley, send a letter to George Temple indicating we need space.

NEW BUSINESS

Oxford Day-6/14/14, send letter to Mr. Lougee at Oxford High School to secure performance by the chorus for Friday, May 16th. Karen tried to secure the cupcake truck for the weekend of the GOA showcase.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

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TOWN CLERK
Shirley H. Clark