

Minutes of Oxford Cultural Arts Commission's
Regular Meeting – August 8, 2012

Present: Vice Chairman Christine Bavone, Treasurer Elaine Shown, Commissioner Cynthia Soucy, Commissioner Martin Early, Commissioner Ashleigh Smith

Motion made by Christine to call to order at 7:04pm. Seconded by Martin.

Audience of citizens: Dorothy Peebles-Pelley, Kathryn Dennen

Kathryn Dennen, the marketing director of the Waterbury Symphony Orchestra, presented the Waterbury Symphony Orchestra's upcoming season. The Orchestra typically holds about 5 concerts per season and has a large membership base from Oxford and the surrounding area. The WSO offers programs specially tailored to students such as \$5 student seating, youth concert days and new Bravo Waterbury! program. She discussed their "Taste of the Symphony" program – smaller group from symphony will present mini-concert, there will be an informative piece talking about what the WSO does and offers, and subscriptions are available for purchase. Discussed an interest in bringing a "Taste of the Symphony" to town, perhaps a big band or something along these lines. Also presented that availability of program advertising in their full season program book.

Dorothy Peebles-Pelley presented updates on the Gallery of Arts. She and Elaine were working on making contact with caterers for reception. Martin working on finalizing entertainment/music for the weekend. SCAN was to be a lead-in to the gallery, however, they could not commit until late August so Dorothy's exhibit will continue. She received commitments from 2 jurors for the Gallery of Arts and was working on finding a 3rd. She received a suggestion that a representative from OCAC always be the 3rd juror for the Gallery of Arts. Motion was made by Elaine to add a representative from OCAC as the 3rd juror for this, and future, Gallery of Arts and to have Dorothy serve as this year's representative. Seconded by Martin. Dorothy stated that she still needs a key contact to lock and unlock the building as well as handle the dumpster and air conditioning. She has created a new floor plan to include the use of the hall and needs to have it approved by the fire marshall. She expressed concern that there were very few local entries because there are a lot of local art shows going on during the month of September. A motion was made by Christine to extend the registration date to August 30th to accommodate the artists. Seconded by Martin.

Chairman's Report: Vice-Chairman, Christine Bavone

Christine made a request to reserve the lower parking lot, middle lot, upper lot, and gazebo for the weekend of the Gallery of Art which is being submitted for approval to the Board of Selectmen. She submitted email blasts to Business After Hours businesses and last year's sponsors to seek sponsorships and last year's artists for entries. She is going to touch base with the Valley Arts Council to see if we might be able to advertise through them if we are still members. Posters need to be ordered. Focus on finding sponsors to advertise in program for the Gallery of Arts.

