

Minutes of Oxford Cultural Arts Commission's
Regular Meeting – July 11, 2012

Call to order at 7:03pm

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

Audience of Citizens: Dorothy Peebles-Pelley

Dorothy signed contract on 5/31 as a consultant for the Gallery of Arts. She met with Elaine to discuss the opening of the Gallery of Arts and the possibility of hiring a caterer. She also met with Martin to discuss the reception – Martin will be handling music for the event. She has been in contact with possible jurors for the event. She has a definite commitment from 1, waiting for a name of a juror, waiting to find another.

Dorothy met with Public Works to have people set up the Gallery Friday morning. All 3 meeting rooms have been reserved as well as a smaller meeting room. Need to confirm a key contact at town hall to unlock and lock the building, etc. Need to speak with the Fire Marshall regarding the layout of the event and get approval.

Discussed the idea of having a brief tour of the artwork for children followed by art instruction on either Saturday or Sunday afternoon. Also discussed the possibility of applying for a grant to pay for an ad seeking artists.

Chairman's Report: Christine Bavone, Vice-Chairman

Presented the idea of working with CCF to administer the Carol Soucy Scholarship. Will follow up with Ann at CCF to obtain more information. CCF is holding a concert at Oxford Greens on July 14th with the proceeds benefiting OCAC. Elaine has been invited to attend on OCAC's behalf.

Need to meet with Joanne to confirm details for the Gallery of Arts opening on Friday.

Nine Mile Players Report: Ashleigh Smith

Ashleigh provided a wrap-up report for "You Can't Stop the Beat" with a comparison of the proposed and actual costs. The production was both a success both in audience size and financially. Discussed the Ultimate Broadway Experience summer classes and presented a preliminary budget. Nine Mile Players' financial obligations and budget to be discussed at the next regular meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Elaine Shown, Treasurer

Elaine presented a flowchart for Nine Mile Player's income and expenses. She will be checking with the Finance office and reconciling the flowchart with the actual finance printout. She will do the same for OCAC's Municipal Account as soon as the funds have been added.

Community Outreach Report: Cynthia Soucy

Cynthia visited the "Oxfordshire" mansion on Great Hill Rd. At this time, usage of the mansion would be free. Discussed the possibility of holding art classes or ballroom dance classes, hosting the Waterbury symphony to perform.

Discussed the scholarships given at both OHS and GOMS. Cynthia presented programs for both events and shared the write up about the Carol Soucy Scholarship.

Music Program: Martin Early

Martin discussed the Open Mic held on June 2nd which had moderate attendance. He submitted the cash made from the event. He will be discussing the possibility of having future open mics at Haynes during the summer months.

He has been in communication with Marcel about holding "The Journey of E" in Oxford on October 20th. Marcel will be facilitating a majority of the steps necessary (advertising, ticket sales, etc). There is a possibility of Nine Mile Players helping out with the show. Martin is finalizing renting OHS auditorium for event.

New Business:

PayPal account is up and running. PO Box has been renewed for another year.

Meeting adjourned at 9:06pm

Respectfully submitted by



Ashleigh Smith, Secretary

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