

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.

Nine Mile Players Report: Commissioner, Ashleigh Smith

Ashleigh submitted the budget for the Nine Mile Player's summer classes. Motion was made by Christine to pay the \$1687 worth of expenses. Seconded by Cynthia. NMP plans to do both a fall show and another set of theater classes ending with a production. They are exploring options for both.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Elaine Shown

Elaine presented accounting sheets for both the special activities account and NMP account. She is currently working on reconciling both. She is also working with Dorothy and Cynthia to find suitable catering options for the reception for the Gallery of Arts.

Community Outreach Report: Commissioner, Cynthia Soucy

Cynthia has been working on putting together a children's program for the Gallery of Arts. The children will go on a tour of the work beginning at 10:30 and will then have a 45 minute class at 11:00 with local artist. Geared towards children 8-14, will create registration flier with further information.

Music Program: Commissioner, Martin Early

Martin has been looking to finalize musicians /entertainment for the Gallery of Arts. He is in discussions with a couple of people and can fill in if needed. He is looking at contacting the Suzuki Music School or the Southbury Music School for Sunday.

He is still working on going forward with another Open Mic night. He is also finalizing details for the Marcel show. Original date (October 20th) had already been reserved; looking at October 13th instead. Finalizing details with Marcel regarding ticket sales, involvement of NMP, etc.

New Business:

Discussion of moving the Gallery of Art to May in the future

Motion made by Christine to adjourn at 9:22pm. Seconded by Martin.

Respectfully submitted by:



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Ashleigh Smith, Secretary

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