

Arts Commission Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2007

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 P.M.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.

Attendance

Present:

Frank Alcorace

Suzanne Crean

Lisa D'Andrea

Aldona LaPorta

Ty Smith

Nancy Wilcox

Absent:

Margie Paul-Gaston

Craig Malone

Officer's Report

Secretary's Report

Minutes for August were presented. Ty Smith made a motion to accept the minutes with correction (see report). Aldona LaPorta seconded. The motion was passed.

Treasurer's Report

The Town Ledger balance is \$7619.63. There may be an additional \$1000. Ty and Lisa will clarify. Suzanne Crean made a motion to accept the report. Ty Smith seconded. The motion was passed.

Public Comment

Sarah Farkas attended the meeting and is interested in becoming a commissioner. Sarah is new to Naugatuck and has experience as an actress.

Old Business

Vacancies

Melissa Teator attended the meeting and will be confirmed at the next town meeting. If Sarah joins that leaves one member position open. No word from Gail DeVoco (re: Mindy Fragosa). Craig Malone will be excused by the commission from meetings scheduled on Tuesday as he is teaching a class at NVCC. The next meeting will be moved to Thursday, October 25, 2007.

Photo Contest

Rules for future contests need to be further clarified due to number of entrants and restrictions which may be limiting entries. There was a discussion about the advertisement in the schools. The commission feels that it is not cost or time effective and public advertisement is a better use of time and money.

Nancy Wilcox will research costs, etc. of printing a standard 11x17 photo calendar. There was a discussion regarding ways to disseminate the calendar. No decisions were made pending information of costs, etc.

Suzanne Crean made a motion to use any leftover prize monies to purchase frames and plates to mount pictures in town offices in the amount of \$50.00. All agreed. The motion was passed.

The Photo Contest was judged by all meeting attendees. Winners are presented below. Honorable mentions were also awarded.



"Salem School"
- **First Place** -
Wendy Murphy
18+ age group



"Steeples"
- **Second Place** -
Steve Wilcox
18+ age group



"Summer Drummer"
- **Third Place** -
Kevin Banahan
18+ age group



"Summer in Meadow"
- **First Place** -
Reggie Brouillette
11-13 age group

Cemetery Walk

The Historical Society would like to purchase a Civil War costume. Aldona LaPorta made a motion to allocate \$100.00 to buy or rent a costume. Ty Smith seconded. The motion was passed. There will be \$5.00 per person or \$15.00 per family charge for the tour. Cider and doughnuts and live music will be provided.

Book Club

No news at this time. Discussion is ended.

Chalk Walk

The Chalk Walk was not well attended according to Suzanne Crean. She reported that the weather was extremely warm and only ten pictures were drawn by a limited number of participants. There was a discussion over the possibility of holding the event during the Car Show next year.

Harvest Moon

Lisa D'Andrea reported that the photo display did attract a few people. There were wind issues. This will need to be remedied for the future. The event was not a busy fair. The commission discussed suggestions for next year including a cartoonist or a fortune teller in the booth.

Puppet Show

The puppet show at Prospect St. School will be held on April 7, 2007. The commission is waiting for an invoice. There will be one show.

Halloween Event on the Green

The mayor's office is requesting assistance. The commission discussed some ideas and the date. It was suggested that the event be held on Sunday, October 28th from 4:00-7:00. Lisa D'Andrea will speak with the mayor's office.

New Business

Book Signing

There will be a book signing for Dr. Labriola's new book at Whittemore Library next Tuesday. The library has requested that the commission provide wine and cheese. Suzanne Crean made a motion to allocate \$50.00 for the event. Aldona laPorta seconded. The motion was passed.

Poetry

No news at this time.

Thunder in the Valley

Lisa D'Andrea received a request from Sandy Lee for the commission to present a trophy for Best in Show this year. Suzanne Crean made a motion to purchase the trophy for \$75.00. Frank Alcorace seconded. The motion was passed. Nancy Wilcox will be present to present the trophy.

Signage

There is a shortage of "R's". Suzanne Crean made a motion to spend \$15.00 on "R's". Ty Smith seconded. The motion was passed. Ty will see what was ordered in the past and make the order.

Veteran's Concert

Nancy Wilcox and Ty Smith both received demos from Frank Porto for consideration. Frank did some work for the PBS special on WWII. The music is similar to the salute to veterans' medley that the Community Band is already playing.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Wilcox
Secretary