

**Arts & Tourism Commission
Draft Minutes Regular Meeting
Mayor's Conference Room
Chase Municipal Building
Wednesday, April 8, 2009 @7:00 PM**

Present:

Chair Barbara Sticco
Financial Vice Chair Cynthia Galvin
Treasurer Elvira Cordelli
Secretary Victoria DiChiara

Excused:

Maxine Watts
Lynnette Piombo
Aldermanic Rep. Joyce Petteway

Absent:

Pledge of Allegiance:

Presentations and Request:

Frank Maffia, Mickey Mantle Regional Committee
Charles Baranowski, Waterbury Triad

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Cynthia Galvin, second by Victoria DiChiara and unanimously approved to accept and put on file the minutes of the November 12, 2008 meeting as presented.

Financial Report:

Financial Vice Chair Cynthia Galvin reported that the balance of the #1001005 account is \$1,671.79. The balance on the #550061 account is \$7,277.62.

A motion was made by Victoria DiChiara, second by Elvira Cordelli and unanimously approved to accept the financial report as presented subject to audit.

Old Business:

The 2009 Award Ceremony will be held on May 13, 2009. Chief of Police Neil O'Leary will be the recipient of the Award.

A motion was made by Cynthia Galvin second by Elvira Cordelli to authorized Barbara Sticco to order the presentation plaque from Barker Specialty for up to \$100, to order flowers from O'Rourke & Birch Florists for up to \$60, and to call Shoprite and order a cake for the ceremony up to \$50. Barbara will ask for a donation from Shoprite if possible of the sheet cake.

There was no report on the progress of the Arts & Tourism Commission's 2009 Arts Scholarship. Joyce Petteway and Lynnette Piombo are working on that project and they were not present at the meeting.

New Business:

A letter was received from the Mardi Gross Committee addressing our concerns of the \$1.00 charge per person for the Hay Ride at Mardi Gross. The Commission's concerns were that if they are sponsoring the hay ride, they would prefer that it is free. The commission will wait for a request for funding from the Mardi Gross committee.

Suggestions for the good of the organization and the community:

Lynnette and Don Piombo donated ½ of the popcorn balls for the Tree Lighting Ceremony. They did not wish to be reimbursed.

Action on Requests:

A motion was made by Elvira Cordelli, second by Victoria DiChiara and unanimously approved to grant to the Mickey Mantle Regional Committee, the amount of \$1,000.00 to be taken out of the 2009/2010 fiscal year budget in July 2009. The Tournament will be held at Municipal Stadium from July 24th to July 28th, 2009.

A motion was made by Elvira Cordelli, second by Cynthia Galvin and unanimously approved to grant to the Waterbury Triad, the amount of \$1,000.00 to be taken out of the 20092010 fiscal year budget in July 2009. The two theater presentations will be held in May 2009 and October 2009 at Seven Angels Theater.

Correspondence:

A thank you was received from Barbara Doublin of the St. John's Church Soup Kitchen thanking the commission for their \$90.00 donation.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Victoria DiChiara, second by Cynthia Galvin and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:05PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Sticco
Chairperson

cc: City Clerk