

Wednesday, August 12, 2009 @7:00 PM

The Arts & Tourism Commission (ATC) met on Wednesday evening, August 12, 2009 at 7:00PM in the Mayor's Conference room on the 1st floor of the Chase Municipal Building at 236 Grand Street in Waterbury CT. The official meeting started at 7:08PM.

Present:

Present were Chairperson Barbara A. Sticco, Financial Vice Chair Cynthia Galvin, Treasurer Elvira Cordelli, and commissioner Lynnette Piombo. Excused were Maxine Watts and Aldermanic Representative Joyce Petteway.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Presentations and Request:

Devone and Devan Floyd representing Unity Dance Ensemble requesting \$600.00.
Diane Plock and Ted Martland representing Arts & Culture Collaborative requesting \$1000.00.
Sgt. Robert Cizauskas representing Police Activity League of Waterbury requesting \$2,000.00.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Elvira Cordelli, second by Cynthia Galvin and unanimously approved to accept and put on file the minutes of the July 8, 2009 meeting as presented.

Financial Report:

Financial Vice Chair Cynthia Galvin reported that the balance of the #1001005 account for the new fiscal year 2009/2010 is \$7,700.00 The balance on the #550061 account is \$7,277.62. A balance for account #1001005 for the year ending June 30, 2009 was \$267.79.

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

Old Business:

A motion was made by Lynnette Piombo, second by Cynthia Galvin and unanimously approved for the amount of \$3,300 to be used for the ATC's Six (6) Concert Series to be held at Bunker Hill/Schofield Park from June 2009 through September 2009.

Lynnette Piombo brought in and passed around the new Arts & Tourism Commission's Brochure. Everyone present was happy with the outcome.

Chairperson Barbara Sticco reported that she went to the Saturday night performance of Thoroughly Modern Milley and it was superb. Barbara asked if the Palace could do more of this type of show in the future. The house was packed and the performance was very affordable.

New Business:

A motion was made by Cynthia Galvin, second by Elvira Cordelli and unanimously approved to authorize Barbara Sticco to order two (2) B&W and two (2) Color printer toner tapes.

Suggestions for the good of the organization and the community:

Correspondence was received from the BMI a non profit making performing right organization that has been in operation for more than 65 years requesting a fee from the ATC for use of music at the Six (6) Concert Series June 2009 through September 2009. The purpose of the organization is to provide licensing to businesses and other entities that publicly perform music so that BMI users do not need to obtain permission from each copyright owner individually. The fee would be good for 1 year and apply to any department in the City of Waterbury.

A motion was made by Cynthia Galvin, second by Elvira Cordelli and unanimously approved to ask Corporation Council Craig Sullivan for a written ruling on the BMI correspondence received. A copy of the correspondence will be forwarded to Corporation Council.

A motion was made by Lynnette Piombo second by Elvira Cordelli and unanimously approved to pay the amount of \$50 to be a member of the Arts & Culture Collaborative.

Action on Requests:

A motion was made by Elvira Cordelli, second by Lynnette Piombo and unanimously approved to grant the amount of \$350 to the Unity Dance Ensemble, Inc. to be used towards the Health & Fitness Workshop Saturday October 25, 2009 at the Joseph James Center in Waterbury.

A motion was made by Cynthia Galvin, second by Elvira Cordelli and unanimously approved to grant the amount of \$600 to the Arts & Culture Collaborative, Waterbury Region for their Out for Art to be held at the Timexpo Museum in Waterbury on September 24, 2009.

A motion was made by Lynnette Piombo, second by Elvira Cordelli and unanimously approved to grant the amount of \$1,500 for a 25 week Zumba Physical Fitness Program at PAL (Police Activity League) September thru February 2009. The grant will be paid in September 2009.

Correspondence:

A thank you note was received by the commission from Adam Angibeau thanking the Commission for the extremely generous Arts Scholarship grant.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Elvira Cordelli, second by Cynthia Galvin and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:29PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Sticco
Chairperson

cc: City Clerk