

**Arts & Tourism Commission
Draft Minutes Regular Meeting
Mayor's Conference Room
Chase Municipal Building
Wednesday, October 14, 2009 @7:00 PM**

Present:

Chairperson Barbara Sticco
Financial Vice Chair Cynthia Galvin
Secretary Victoria DiChiara
Treasurer Elvira Cordelli
Maxine Watts
Lynnette Piombo

Excused:

Absent:
Aldermanic Rep. Joyce Petteway

Pledge of Allegiance:

Presentations and Request:

No applications were received.

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 August 12, 2009 meeting as presented.

Financial Report:

Financial Vice Chair Cynthia Galvin reported that the balance of the #1001005 account for the fiscal year 2009/2010 is \$5,057.02. The balance on the #550061 account is \$7,277.62.

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

Old Business:

A poster was shown by Chairperson Sticco, that was sent to the commission by the Mardi Gross with the Spirit of Waterbury Festival to be held on October 24, 2009. The location for the event will be Church Street in Waterbury from 5:00PM to 9:00PM. There will be City wide events with free parking at all the municipal garages in the City. There will be many free events for the children including candy stations. Some of the other events will be, a parade, a civil war reenactment, the Mattatuck Museum will have a Civil War Exhibit, and Howland Hughes will have a Hall of Fame Induction.

New Business:

A motion was made by Lynnette Piombo, second by Cynthia Galvin and unanimously **approved to pay Woods Ares Farms \$750 for the a Hay Ride** for the Tree Lighting Ceremony to be held on Sunday, November 29, 2009.

A motion was made by Cynthia Galvin, second by Victoria DiChiara and unanimously **approved to purchase 100 Main Street 2010 Calendars for the amount of \$6.50 per calendar for a total of \$650.00.**

A motion was made by Elvira Cordelli, second by Lynnette Piombo and unanimously **approved to pay Bob Mobilio Brass on Brass up to \$700 for musical entertainment** for the Tree Lighting Ceremony to be held on Sunday, November 29, 2009.

A motion was made by Elvira Cordelli, second by Victoria DiChiara and unanimously **approved to pay the amount of \$200 to Antonio Feliciano, (Tony the Magic Man)** for entertainment on the green from 5:00pm to 7:00pm on Sunday, November 29, 2009 for the Tree Lighting Ceremony.

A motion was made by Lynnette Piombo, second by Elvira Cordelli and unanimously **approved to purchase ½ case of popcorn balls from Shop Rite and Shop Rite will donate the other ½ case of popcorn balls** for Santa Claus to give out at the Tree Lighting ceremony. Lynnette Piombo reported that **American Heating will donate 1 case of popcorn balls** for the Tree Lighting Ceremony again this year.

McDonalds of Chase Avenue in Waterbury has again this year donated 2 cases of McDonald's cookies for the Tree Lighting Ceremony.

Suggestions for the good of the organization and the community:

A motion was made by Lynnette Piombo second by Victoria DiChiara and unanimously **approved to purchase a \$50 gift certificate from Shop Rite of Waterbury** to be donated to the 10th year of their Partners in Caring, a program that partners the Palace Theater and Shop Rite to make school children aware of hunger in their communities. Shop Rite has always been a great supporter of the ATC projects and programs.

Suggestions for the good of the organization and the community:

Action on Requests continued:

A motion was made by Lynnette Piombo, second by Elvira Cordelli and unanimously **approved to grant the amount of \$100 as a Public Tour Friend to Shakesperience Productions, Inc for their Annual Fund drive.** Correspondence was received from Shakesperience Productions, Inc requesting a donation to their Annual Fund. This past season ended with their having acquired a significant deficit, the first in more than a decade, and they need help.

Corporation Council Craig Sullivan submitted a written ruling, as requested by the Commission. Broadcast Music, Inc (BMI) sent correspondence to the commission this summer asking that the ATC obtain a license to allow copyrighted music to be used by bands hired to play at the ATC Summer Concert Series. In essence the report instructs the commission to disregard the letter referred to and refer all future inquiries to the Corporation Council's Office. If this sort of licensing is applicable, it should be addressed from a citywide perspective and not at the individual commission level. The City's needs relative to obtaining licenses should be assessed on a global scale and the appropriate licenses should be obtained by the City, not by individual departments, boards, commissions or agencies. **The report will be respectfully accepted and put on file.**

Action on Requests:

No applications were received.

Correspondence:

A thank you note was received by the commission from the following:

Main Street Waterbury for Brewfest 2009.

Family Services of Waterbury for their Block Party.

Mt. Olive Senior Center for their concert.;

Maxine Watts for a sympathy basket sent by the Commission on the death of her mother.

Mattatuck Museum for our support of 1st Thursday's. The Commission will attend the November 5, 2009 1st Thursday.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Cynthia Galvin second by Elvira Cordelli and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 7:354PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Sticco
Chairperson

cc: City Clerk