

Stafford Arts Commission

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Official Meeting Minutes

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Special Meeting: May 24, 2022, 7:00 PM

Town Hall Veteran's Room and online via Zoom

Agenda:

1. Call meeting to order
  - a. Carleton Whaley made a motion to call the meeting to order at 7:05 PM, motion seconded by Oliver Scholes, carried unanimously.
2. Establish quorum
  - a. All members present, quorum established.
3. Public comments
  - a. No public comments
4. Old Business
  - a. Summer Concert Series
    - i. Have made contact with *Moonbasket* and *The Shoats*, both of whom are available for concerts during the summer. The commission discussed the range of our payments, estimating \$100 per band member to a maximum of \$500, for at least 2 hours of material. Also discussed having a short 30-40 minute acoustic opener for each show, with payment for opener undecided.
    - ii. *Moonbasket – August*
    - iii. *The Shoats – July*
    - iv. Bands needed for June have been proposed by Andie Jane Leavitt, who volunteered to contact them.
  - b. Mural
    - i. Chris Holguin discussed his research on the mural and proposed a “Welcome to Stafford Springs” theme, with visuals similar to old postcards. This mural will be designed and painted with volunteered labor from Arts Commission members. Chris and Teri Herel are finalizing the proposal.
  - c. Movie Nights
    - i. Discussed more in-depth the logistics of hosting free movie showings over the summer, either in Haymarket Common or Hyde Park’s amphitheater. Projectors and projector screens would be donated and returned at the end of the season.
    - ii. Tentatively titled “Midnight Movies at Nine” or simply “Midnight at Nine,” these would be shown with a public viewing license estimated around \$300 annually. These films would specifically be PG-13 and meant for appropriate, late night audiences following Arts on Main events.
  - d. Open Mic

- i. As a follow-up to the summer concerts from June-August, a motion was proposed by Teri Herel and Andie Jane Leavitt that our final show should be an open mic event. Motion carried unanimously.
    - e. Finalize Summer Calendar
      - i. Our calendar dates for summer concerts, midnight at nine, and the open mic night were finalized
        - 1. Concerts to be the fourth Saturday of the month from June-Aug
        - 2. Open Mic to be fourth Saturday in September
        - 3. Midnight at Nine movies to be shown at 9 PM on the second Friday of the month July-Sep
- 5. New Business
  - a. Messaging/Advertising
    - i. Chris Holguin, as Social Media Manager, expressed the importance of clear social media campaigns to advertise for these events. He also volunteered to produce black and white posters for upcoming events, and proposed the creation of a full-scale color poster for the entire summer, which has been tabled for now
  - b. Fall ideas
    - i. To be discussed more at further meetings:
      - 1. Pumpkin Carving and Painting
      - 2. The creation of an Arts Commission Scarecrow
      - 3. 2-sentence pop-ups: Horror Stories
      - 4. The continuation of movie viewings, but brought inside to the Town Hall auditorium
- 6. Close meeting
  - a. Carleton Whaley made a motion to close the meeting at 8:45 PM, seconded by Michael Farmer. Motion carried unanimously.

Zoom Link:

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/83382554733?pwd=eXFJQ2kvZlllWG1UWmVaQW1QazZUZz09>

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