

OCTOBER 15, 2008, MEMORIAL HALL

Present: Board Members Tod Beall, Barbara Keffer, Lynn Salem, Gerry DePace, Holly Boulanger, Reed Coles, James Hoffman and Chris Mertens

Tod conducted this meeting in that Cindy Nothe was unable to attend.
The minutes from the September 17 meeting were read and accepted by all present.

TREASURER's REPORT: Barbara Keffer presented her report indicated our Balance is \$9,931.52 plus a \$10,000 CD. Motion to accept the treasurer's report by Reed Coles and seconded by Reed Coles. Motion carried.

TALENT SHOW REPORT: Chris Mertens reported that the Talent Show was a wonderful Success. A variety of talented performers auditioned and took the stage to entertain a full house on October 4. Net proceeds from this event as of 10/10/08 are \$3184.48.

THEATER COMMITTEE : NO REPORT

ART SHOW COMMITTEE: James Hoffman has filed for a \$500.00 Grant from the Mass Cultural Council for the Art Show in spring of 2009. Plans for the show are progressing well. The committee has attained the services of three reputable judges. The art entries and information about each piece entered will be displayed on digital equipment, initially. The committee has arranged for a performance by a member of the Performing Arts School during the Art Show. An intern will be working with Nancy Bryant learning and performing tasks vital to success in this endeavor.

CORI CERTIFICATION: We now have 3 Board Members who are CORI certified. Jeannie Guertin plus newly certified Lynn Salem and David Xanatos. Fee for certification has been waived for Arts Council members due to our tax -free , non-profit status.

ART CAMP COMMITTEE: Reed Coles reported that the Art Camp Project lost money because of the unexpected rental fee required by the school. Perhaps, next year the fee will be raised to compensate. The camp will continue this coming year registering younger students for three weeks and older students for one week.

CITATION: MAC received a citation from the Massachusetts State Senate congratulating us for 30 years of service to the community contributing in areas of artistic endeavors. We will ask Nancy Bryant of Giclee of New England if she will frame this citation so that we may hang in above the fireplace in the Board Room.

Other Business: Rich Dionne has requested to improve our sound system at Memorial Hall by purchasing new speakers and other equipment necessary to attain that goal. We will ask Rich to submit an informative request to be presented at our next meeting and hopefully, hear music and lyrics so much better once in place.

At our September meeting we had discussed lock placement on our props and costumes rooms in the sub-basement. Barbara Keffer will contact Richard Guertin for permission to install the locks.

Memorial Hall Restoration Committee is attempting to raise \$1,000,000. Several members of our Board are interested in joining the committee, namely James Hoffman, David Dupuis, Barbara Keffer and Tod Beall. This committee is hoping to restore out-dated plumbing, electrical and heating facilities at Memorial Hall. Due to the fact that the Hall is on the Historical Register, restoration must be done under stringent specifications.

Motion was made to adjourn by Reed Coles, seconded by Holly Boulanger and carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Mertens (Board Member)