

**Town of East Haven, CT
East Haven Arts Commission Minutes
Special Meeting
11 June 2013 7:00 PM
St. Clare's Church Hall, Coe Ave. East Haven, CT**

PRESENT:

**Chairperson Cindy Genzano
Commissioner Ted Salmon
Commissioner Sharon Collins
Commissioner Daniel Schmidt**

ABSENT:

**Commissioner Aquino Valentino
Commissioner Vincent Tiroletto
Commissioner Jordyn DiNatale**

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

**Kari Collins
Richard Colon
Robyn Genzano**

Chairperson Cindy Genzano called the meeting to order at 7:20 PM.
Attendance taken and a quorum was present.

Item # 1 Getting approval from the commission about JMMS funding for Youth Theater Production of ***The Little Mermaid JR.***

Chairperson Genzano reviewed issues surrounding space rental of JMMS for the production of The Little Mermaid JR. , including the problems surrounding clarification of payment from last summer's production of ***Xanadu***. The Board of Ed Finance Office contact person, Anita Mancini informed the Arts Commission that JMMS can not be rented by the Arts Commission until the previous summer's balance is paid. Chairperson Genzano submitted communications to the Mayor's office from last summer indicating that the Mayor's Office was supposed to absorb the cost for the previous year. Email communications ensued including the following:

1. Anita gave us a quote on the space, signed off by Paul Rizza for \$43/hour
2. Notified Anita that the Arts Commission was to meet to approve funding

3. Anita replied that the Mayor's office denied the funding of the previous years balance, and the Arts Commission still owed the outstanding amount.

4. Mayor's Office was forwarded an email with a letter previously sent to the town from July 20 attached (saying the town would cover previous costs)

5. Arthur DeSorbo emailed Anita requesting the bill.

After a brief discussion, Commissioner Salmon motioned to approve payment
Seconded by Commissioner Schmidt.

The Arts Commission then voted unanimously to support the funding of the JMMS venue at \$1790.45 pending approval by the BOE.

Item # 2 Construction/ rehearsal space

Space has been acquired at the old Pathways School on Dodge Ave. by the Mayor's Office, in particular Art DeSorbo and Bob Parenti

Item # 3 Contingency plan for the off chance that JMMS doesn't pan out

College Student Director Kari Collins is looking into ECA, co-op, and other New Haven school. Commissioner Dan Schmidt is looking into another space.

In order to promote the show and advertise it was agreed that we must find a performance space within the week.

Item # 4

Commissioner Collins suggested putting an ad into Saint Clare Carnival program due to their generosity in allowing the Arts Commission to use the Church Hall for rehearsals. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Collins motioned to commit payment for a \$100 full page ad. Commissioner Salmon seconded the motion. The Commission voted unanimously to fund the ad.
100\$ for a full page add

Item # 5 Coffee Shop Art Displays Possible

Commissioner Salmon indicated that he has talked with the owner of the new Trolley square coffee shop, Kups indicating that the owner is looking for art to hang on the walls for sale. The Arts Commission will spread the word.

Item # 6 Adjournment

Commissioner Dan Schmidt motioned to adjourn

Commissioner Salmon seconds

All in favor; Meeting adjourned at 7:45

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Genzano
Chairperson, EHAC