

Cultural Commission Meeting Minutes
Piedmont Hall February 10, 2025 7:00 p.m.

Present: Pat Brachetti, Yvonne Besse, Giselle Gwenece, John Kelleher, Dave Marti, Terri Schmidt, Tim Simone, Gail Tishler, Terri Titus, Eileen Fedorowich, Ann Levesque (chairperson), Dan Franco

Call to Order: Ann called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Secretary's Report: January's minutes were presented with no corrections or admissions. Tim motioned to accept as read and Terri seconded. Approved.

Treasurer's Report: Terri reported a quiet month. Sponsorships beginning to come in. There were no questions regarding the very clear report. There were no bills for approval. Thank you Terri.

Giselle reported and updated the commission on the recent Black History Month presentation by Adwona Bantse-Ahante held at the local library. The one-woman live show was well received by all in attendance. Reaching out to a couple other story tellers, (i.e. about "Black Wall Street") and even colleges with professors/speakers. Terri Titus will check into colleges. Thank you Giselle and Terri.

Tim spoke with selectman Tim Kenney regarding the licensing required in order to continue the commission's streaming of concerts. Possibility of being sued without one. Possibility of getting a town license. We are streaming to 85-300 folks in our community. Tim will check with the town lawyer. Thank you Tim.

Old Business: Discussion of moving the KC Sisters concert to the following Sunday following the Holiday Festival weekend. It will be still held at the Somers Congregational Church from 2-4 p.m. Ann will check with Ann Kirkpatrick.

Ann said that the KC Sisters family are friends with Carrie Underwood. Ann sent a package of our commission's concert, etc. to her Oklahoma address. The group gave Ann her address. A possibility ??

Tim also reminded members of the upcoming musical showcase February 14 in Newton, Mo all day affair with lunch. Many great groups, various entertainers. Tim will be attending. Entry fee for this one is \$47. Eileen motioned for reimbursement for entry fees going forward and for this one on February 14. Dave seconded. Approved. Tim will check on possibility of any groups for concerts. Dave mentioned another venue of weekend variety bands is in Willington, Ct near UCONN called the "Packing House" - an old stone warehouse converted into musician venue.

Ann spoke of the sponsorship campaign beginning and the importance of all members reaching out to friends/businesses/organizations for support and possible sponsors.

Ann updated on the 2025 Summer concert series. Six dates and entertainers are confirmed. Tim motioned and Dave seconded that we pay "The Score" group \$200 this year. Approved.

Next meeting will be March 10.

Minutes not official until approved at a subsequent meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Pat Bachtli, secretary