

Somers Cultural Commission

Meeting Minutes Piedmont Hall January 12, 2006



Present: Pat Barchetti, Yvonne Besse, Eileen Fedorowich, Giselle Genece, Lynne Goss, Bob Hall, John Kelleher, Ann Lovesque (chair), Dave Marti, Terrei Schmidt, Tim Simones, Gail Tishler, Terrei Titus.

Guest: Bernice Levy

Call to Order: Ann called the meeting to order at 7:00. Members pledged and saluted our flag.

Secretary's Report: The minutes were presented with no additions or corrections. Tim motioned to accept and Terrei S seconded. Approved.

There was no correspondence at this time.

Treasurer's Report: Terrei S presented the Profit/Loss statement for November and December. Also update on recent Coffee House. 52 in attendance, excellent entertainment - enjoyed by all.

There were no bills for payment and approval.

Items for discussion: Change of chairperson after September 2006. Ann expressed to members she will be stepping down due to personal reasons.

Requesting members to think about a new chair and an easy transition. Elaine suggested perhaps Ann could make a list (job description) of her responsibilities and things she has done over the years. All thought this was a good idea.

The KC Sisters concert was a wonderful success with a full house in attendance. Great concert, great performers, great music selections. Question if they would consider doing a summer concert. We have 3 openings left to fill - July 23, July 30, and August 6. Suggested we up our price to \$1000 to secure groups. Cobblestone, Nightshift and one other for remaining spot. Tim will check with "Entertainment Showcase" he will be attending.

Giselle mentioned the "Cookie Place" food truck for the June 18th concert.

Terrei S. gave an update on the AC situation at Piedmont. Spoke with

Todd Roland and awaiting quotes on AC and windows. New windows need to go in before AC. Also awaiting Capital Improvement and hoping for Summer.

A venue for summer concerts in inclement weather - high school, Pleasant View, Piedmont (AC?), Congregational Church, Joanna's Town Hall ruled out as meetings. Eileen mentioned Ribbe Fuller. A stage in gym area and air conditioned. She will check with Maureen on possibility. Tabled till Feb. The 10th anniversary as a "new commission". Looking for ideas. We have T-shirts still from a fundraiser. What to do? Dave motioned to sell them for \$5 at our Feb concert. Gail seconded. Approved.

New Business: Bob Hall passed flyer of upcoming drama productions at Somers High School. One Jan 23-24 (Finding Nemo Jr.) and The Music Man March 6-7. Both have evening and matinee performances. He then presented the Visual Art Scholarship process and application our commission awards. He explained the steps and how he brings the portfolios to the commission for vote. Tim motioned to present another award this year of \$1500. Terri S. seconded. Approved. (If two applicants and undecided, split the award).

Tim mentioned the Rotary is having a benefit concert for our veterans on Feb. 7, themed Mardi Gras with the band Score. \$10 a ticket in advance, \$15 at the door. He also said that Ginny Lockwood, no honorary members, gave him access to past events going forward. Dr. Raouf Mama, a string player, is scheduled for the Feb Coffee House.

Giselle mentioned the possibility of a jazz band for a summer concert. Will check it out. Also mentioned the Fellowship Food Truck for the Quineteenth concert along with Cookie Place truck. Advertise ahead of time. Terri S motioned to acquire both trucks. Tim seconded. Approved.

Tim will send out email for the Feb 13 showcase. Geared for outdoors. Bands every 20 minutes. Suggestion we pay for two members to attend.

Tereci S. motioned and Dave seconded. Approved. Dave also mentioned the Packing House in Wilmington for another possible showcase. Jan 24 Blues and Feb 21 Independent Folk Songs.

Tim motioned to Adjourn at 8:12. Vvonne seconded. So voted.
Next meeting will be February 9.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Bachetti, secretary

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Happy Valentine's Day everyone! Stay safe and warm!