

Somers Cultural Commission
Minutes of February 11, 2015 Meeting
(Correction)

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM, Wednesday February 11, 2015. The meeting originally scheduled for February 9, 2015 was adjourned to February 11, 2015. A notice was placed on the doorway of the meeting location indicating it was adjourned. The note was signed by Kate Madersky Hutton with her phone number.

Present: L. Abbott, J. Hutton, K. Hutton, J. Reed, K. Worcester, J. Batchelor, B. Hall, S. Grabierz

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the November 10, 2014 meeting were reviewed and accepted as read.

Treasurer's Report: Report reviewed and accepted.

Correspondence: No new correspondence, Jeanne Reed agreed to pick-up correspondence at box in Town Hall on a regular basis

Introduction of New Members: Everyone took time to introduce themselves and provide information on their background and reason for participating in the Commission

New Business

Subcommittee Reports:

Summer Concert Series: Contracts will be mailed by end of week. Question came up regarding vendors for last year. They are welcome to participate during the concerts, just need to be sure they are properly licensed.

Piedmont Percolator: The coffee house has been very successful this year. We need to focus on bookings for 2015. Objective is to have entertainers identified by 4/1/15 so they can be included in advertisement for Cultural Commission. To further publicize the Coffeehouse a suggestion was made to put together a mailing list that would attract potential guests.

Piedmont Photography Show: Suggested Date Change May 3 to 17. This will minimize any conflict with other shows in the area, and give the DOT additional time to breakdown the coffeehouse set up and get panels ready for the Photography Show. Bob noted that the tri-fold for the Photography show needs to go out 6 weeks prior to the event. Kate will work with Joanne on the process. Bob also agreed to print the labels for mailing to the potential artists.

Art Show: Linda noted that a meeting needed to be set up with Neil to detail specifics of the event. Joanne will be coordinating the event this year.

2015 Planning Meeting: Committee agreed meeting needed to occur soon. Since Neil was an integral part of the process, Kate was going to contact him and schedule meeting based on his availability.

Although several items were noted in the agenda as being part of the Planning process, the Committee agreed that given the work that had to be done, two items would be tabled for this year. They were the Expansion of the Cultural Commissions activities, and review of the Coffee House program to accommodate a larger audience.

Subcommittee structure: Kate noted that many of the Committee members work on specific events and may not have exposure to other activities. Kate suggested that even though we might be coordinating an event, we all make an attempt to work on some aspect of all the programs. This gives all of us, a better working knowledge of how each event/program is executed. The Committee members agreed.

Fundraising: This process will begin with a discussion at the March meeting. Linda will provide a list of businesses that have donated in the past.

Scholarship: Bob reviewed the process with members and provided a copy of the application. He will forward copies to the High School. Applications will be available for review at the April meeting and a recipient chosen. Committee members who would like to participate in the evaluation process should plan to attend the April meeting. The Scholarship is awarded in May.

Questions/Concerns: A question came up as to where we might store common documents so they are accessible to all Commission members. Kate set up an account on the app DROPBOX. It is a restricted area controlled by our group. Here we can move all documents to a common location and each member can review and use at their discretion. Kate will provide each member instructions on how to access.

Adjournment: J Hutton moved that we adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by J. Batchelor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Next Meeting: March 9, 2015 7:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted
Sandra Grabierz