

Somers Cultural Commission
Minutes of February 15, 2016 Special Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM on February 15, 2016. The original meeting scheduled for February 8, 2016 was cancelled.

Present: , J. Reed, K. Worcester, D. Whalen, D. Fraro, A. Levesque, S. Grabierz,

Guests: A. Murphy, Amanda Whalen

Secretary's Report: Reviewed and accepted.

Treasurer's Report:

- a) Financial Accounts reports ó Report was electronically submitted to Commission Members after the meeting. Details will be reviewed at the March meeting.
- b) Town Tax ID ó J. Reed reviewed the process for using the Town's Tax ID number when making purchases.
- c) Bills ó J. Reed reviewed the process for submitting bills to the Finance Dept. This included submitting large purchases to the Commission for approval before any purchase. Bills were reviewed and approved for payment.

Correspondence:

- a) A thank you note was sent to Geisslers for their \$25.00 donation.
- b) Commission received a thank you note from Kristen Graves & Glen Roth for giving them the opportunity to perform at the Coffeehouse

Old Business .

Piedmont Coffeehouse:

Purchase of new chairs. Commission members agreed there was a need to replace the existing chairs. S. Grabierz researched options and proposed purchasing the chairs through Costco. Members unanimously agreed to purchase 80 chairs through Costco at a cost of \$1999.98.

Photography Show:

J. Batchelor has mailed the brochure with application to potential entrants. The two jurors have been selected and confirmed they will judge the works on April 24, 2016 in preparation for the show's opening on May 1, 2016.

Summer Concert: Selection of artists has been completed. J. Reed working with the Schools Business Manager has negotiated using the Elementary School as the alternate site should we encounter bad weather. A motion was made to pay the custodians a minimum 2 hour fee for each week the concert is scheduled regardless if the school is used. The members unanimously voted to approve the motion. Given this decision, contracts will go out this week to each of the artists confirming their appearance.

Bylaws ó Revision: Revisions to the by-laws were submitted to members. Given this was a Special meeting review of the changes will be deferred to the March regularly scheduled meeting. Vote on the changes can then be completed on a subsequent regular meeting.

Publicity Review: G. Lockwood has been doing an excellent job in getting information out to the public on the coffeehouse activity. This has included flyers for posting in local businesses, news releases and updating the Facebook page.

New Business:

Fundraising: J. Reed to convene the sub-committee in late March to begin the campaign.

Piedmont Art Show: No additional details at this time.

Sub Committee Participation Review: Updated listing was reviewed. Additional members are still needed for the Coffeehouse.

Adjournment: A. Levesque moved that we adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by D. Whalen. The meeting adjourned at 8:15PM .

Next Meeting: March 14, 2016 7:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted
Sandra Grabierz