

SOMERS CULTURAL COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MARCH 12, 2017 MEETING

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:05 PM

PRESENT: A. Levesque, D. Hoadley, K. Worchester, P. Jones, D. Fraro, J. Batchelor, D. Lewkowicz
Guest: A. Murphy Honorary Member: Neil Connell

Secretary's Report: Reviewed and Approved 1st JoAnn, 2nd Debbie
No correspondence

Treasurer's report: none
No bills to pay

Old Business

- A) Piedmont Coffeehouse: Discussion on Feb. 12. Everyone felt that there was good attendance and liked the entertainment. Discussion on March 5., The Healy's always bring a full house and it was a great show. There was a discussion on banning political views from being expressed and it was decided to leave it be. We had \$131 put in the free will donation jar for this show.
- B) Spring Photography Show update JoAnn: Judges will be Tom Cameron and John Benoit. May 1st will be the hanging of the photo's, May 7th is the reception from 1pm-3pm and awards will be given at 2:30pm. The new application was passed around and we folded and sealed about 250 copies to be sent out and to post in stores and other places in our area. We will be looking for members to sign up to sit for the show.
- C) Publicity review: Ginny will be available at our April meeting for update
- D) Scholarship Update: Bob Hall informed the committee that there is a viable candidate for the scholarship and will announce the name at a later date.

New Business

- A) 2017 Fundraising: Dan and Ann handed out an updated letter to give to potential sponsors of our entertainers and commission. It is estimated that we need a minimum of \$8,000 to cover our basic costs of entertainment for both summer and winter series. Ann M. passed around a sample copy of a flyer for the 2017/2018 shows. Sponsors need to be contacted early so our program can be set up in a timely fashion. We are looking to get the flyers passed out by mid-May.
- B) Ann L. gave an update of the entertainer line-up for 2017/2018 season. Not all contracts are signed but it is in the works.
- C) Other items for discussion: Neil Connell gave an update for the Fall Art Show. Maris Platais will be the juror. The show will open Sept. 18 and run until Oct. 1. Paintings will start coming in August 25 & 26. We will have a meeting on April 7 at 9am in Piedmont Hall for all sub-committee members. Sanday G. will help with signage and other brochure items. Bob Hall will do the application.
- D) Ann M, suggested we get a large sign to hang up at all venues to highlight the cultural; commission and its commitment to bring entertainment to the community. It was also suggested that we get new flags to hang on the sign in front of Piedmont. It was decided to put the Photography Show and Art Show flyers on the tables of our last coffee house series on April 9. All suggestions were met with approval. Ann L. will see that the flyers get put on the tables.
- E) Ann L. will not be at the May meeting. Dan will Chair

Dan motioned for the meeting be adjourned. It was seconded by Debbie. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.

The next meeting will be April 10 at 7pm in Piedmont Hall

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Jones

Minutes are not official until approved at a subsequent meetin.