SOMERS CULTURAL COMMISSION MINUTES OF FEB. 12, 2018

Meeting called to order at 7:07pm

Present: A.Levesque P.Jones ,G.Lockwood, D.Lewkowicz, D.Fraro, D.Cutter, K.Worcester, S.Grabriez

Honorary Members: B. Hall

Guests: A. Murphy

Correspondence: none

TREASURER'S REPORT:: Sandy passed out a handout report on our financial condition with a budget for the period 7/1/17 - 6/30/18. The \$2500 budgeted from the town was put into our checking account as of this month. We have a balance of \$15,698 including the \$2500. The Photography Show 2017 money is reflected in the balance.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Secretary's minutes of Nov. 13, 2017 approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Publicity: Ginny gave an update. We are getting strong response to the flyers and Facebook. Discussion on how and what other venues there are for free advertisement.
- B. Bad Weather: Ann L. will follow up on previous contacts with Jeff Lipton.
- C. Greeters 3/11/18: Dan or Ann M. have agreed to make announcements. All members are greeters.
- D. Photography Show May 10 19: Changes need to be made to the mailer, then they can be sent. Sandy will take care of the printing on heavier stock paper. Kathy, Donna, Ann L. and Dot have agreed to meet on Friday 2/16 at 3pm to help get this job done. We need a co-chair for this show.
- E. Summer Concerts: Ann L. reported that we are all set except for one day 7/26 but she has a group in mind. All dates have been filled for Piedmont Coffee House 2018 2019.
- F. Safety Issues: All have been addressed. It was decided that the ramp should be left as is.
- G. FOOD TRUCK: GOURMET JAZZ DOGS was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Scholarship: Bob Hall passed out copies of the application and other information on our scholarship. It was unanimously approved to continue with the application process.
- B. Sub-Committee: Sandy passed out a report on the expenses of previous years budgets so we could have an idea on the cost involved to operate each of our programs.
- C. Sponsors: We had a discussion on how to go about getting new sponsors for our programs. It was decided to send a mailer to previous sponsors and visit all potential new ones. All sponsors will have a follow up visit which works the best. Ann L. suggested that we have a "DIAMOND" level for those willing to sponsor at the \$800 level. The idea was approved. It was also suggested that we have one of our sponsor showcase their product. Everyone liked the idea and "M Framing" will be the first showcase.
- D. Art Show: Neil sent information on the fall Art Show.
- E. No other new business

Bob Hall made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Sandy Grabierz at 8:20pm

Next meeting Monday March 12, 2018 at 7pm, Piedmont Hall

Respectfully submitted, Patricia A. Jones

Minutes are not official until approved at a subsequent meeting.