

SOMERS CULTURAL COMMISSION minutes for
Monday, August 20, 2018 Special Meeting

Chairperson Ann Levesque called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

Member attending Ann Levesque, Pat Bachetti, Dan Fraro, Sandra Grabierz, Gail Tishler, Dawn Whalen, Kathy Worchester, Ginny Lockwood, Pat Jones. Dot Cutter

GUESTS: Ann Murphy, Jean Bonini

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

There was a correction to the June 11, 2018 meeting. Pat Bachetti name was misspelled and corrected.

Sandy G. made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected and Dan F. 2nd the motion. Approved unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

No financial report. It will be available for the September meeting.

Sandy presented two bills, \$214.00 for a new Oscillating Fan and and \$7.09 payable to the Post office for forwarding 11 mailed applications. Dan made a motion to approve paying the bills and Ginny 2nd. Approved unanimously.

Bob Hall will assemble and test the fan when it arrives.

OLD BUSINESS

PUBLICITY:

Discussion the the effectiveness of our publicity. Ginny attempts to get publicity for all our concerts in all local papers and publications. The Springfield Republican purchased the Go Local Magazine and the Reminder papers. Ginny will look into any specials that they may be offering non profits. Everyone agreed that we do a good job on publicity. Our Facebook page is updated regularly with events and announcements. We were contacted by Stafford Springs to see if we could cross promote with them. We will promote whenever we have an opportunity.

Ginny tried to close our old website without success. Only the website administrators have the authority to open and close sites.

BENEFIT CONCERT:

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Discussion on the Franco Corso concert. It was generally felt that the turnout was disappointing with about 55 attendees. The cost of the concert was \$2101.00 and the amount raised was \$1727.00

SPONSORSHIP SIGNS:

The signs were greatly appreciated and many sponsors displayed them in their businesses.

SCC BUDGET 7/1/18 – 6/30/19

Discussion was held on the cost to use the high school as an alternative site when the weather prohibits being on the green. This year the total cost for the use of the high school and a custodian was \$720.00. We used Joanna's for 2 concerts at a cost of \$200.00. Dan F. made a motion to pay the bills and Dawn W. 2nd the motion. The committee approved unanimously.

ART SHOW:

Sandy G. reported that 475+ applications were mailed. Aug. 24 & 25 entries will be coming in. Neil and Sandy with some volunteers will help with the process. Judging will be done by Mr. Paul Leveille. Judging will take place at 1:30 on Saturday, Sept. 15, 2018. Non accepted works will be picked up on Sept. 1 from 9am – 12 noon. Ann L. will post Art Show information at various places in Somers and neighboring towns.

LOCKBOX:

Ann M. purchased new easier to use lockbox for \$24.46. It has not arrived and Ann will submit a bill at our next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

CHANGE OF MEETING DATE:

A discussion was held on changing next month's meeting because Ann L. will not be present. Dot C. made a motion to cancel the regular scheduled meeting on Oct. 15, 2018 and schedule a special meeting on Monday Oct. 22, 2018. Pat B. 2nd the motion. It was approved unanimously.

JOANNA'S :

DISCUSSION – All spoke positively on the two concerts that were held at Joanna's. Some members thought that Piedmont was a more appropriate venue for the coffee house concert series. Sandy G. made a motion to keep Piedmont as the Coffee House for this year 2018-2019. Ginny 2nd. The motion was carried unanimously.

NEED FOR A VICE-CHAIR:

Dan volunteered to oversee all that needs to be done for October. Ann L. will make a list for him and bring to the Sept. meeting.

DOOR OPERATION:

THE DOOR TO Piedmont is difficult to open & close. Sandy G. suggested we get a Automatic Self-Closing Door Unit. Ann L. will look into it for the Sept. meeting.

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

FRANCO CORSO CONCERT DECEMBER 2, 2018

Discussion on participating in the town-wide Dicken's Weekend. No consensus on how or what we could do. Another idea was a wine tasting. It was felt that we are a non-profit committee through the Town of Somers, we cannot sell tickets. We cannot charge for concerts. Wine tasting are a lot of work and expensive to set up. Consensus was that these idea would not work for us. Ginny L. made a motion to cancel the concert and Sandy G. 2nd the motion. The motion was carried 10 to 1.

The next scheduled meeting is September 10, 2018 at 7pm at Piedmont Hall pending approval from the Town Hall.

Dan Fraro made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Dawn Whalen. The meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Jones, Secretary

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