

SOMERS CULTURAL COMMISSION

MINUTES FOR JANUARY 14, 2019

REGULAR MEETING

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: P.Bachetti, D. Farao, S.Grabierz, B.Guimond P.Jones, D.Lewkowicz
A.Levesque, G. Lockwood, G.Tishler ,K.Worcester

Members Absent: D. Cutter, D. Whalen

Honorary members Present: Neil Connell, Bob Hall, Ann Murphy

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Chairperson Ann L. presented the minutes from the November 12,2019 meeting. There were 2 corrections: 3 paintings were sold not 2 as reported. Kathy corrected the misspelling of her last name. Dan made a motion to accept the minutes with corrections and Sandy 2nd. Motion carried unanimously. CORRESPONDENCE: A Thank you note from the Somers Beatification Committee and a letter from Wm. B. Boutwell, Director of Business Services for Somers Public Schools informing us that the high school will not be available to us this summer due to renovations to the auditorium.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Sandy handed out several reports pertaining to the financial condition of the Somers Cultural Commission. Sandy confirmed these reports with Brian, Somers Town Assistant Financial Director. Dan made a motion to accept the reports as presented, Pat B. 2nd and the motion was carried unanimously. Dan made a motion to pay the bills as presented and Bev 2nd. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS: a. Ann passed out an updated membership list.

PUBLICITY: Ginny noted that the JI is giving the commission some good publicity regarding our coming events.

ART SHOW: NO REPORT

COFFEEHOUSE UPDATES: Nov. 11 and Dec. 9, 2018 entertainment was well received with full attendance at both events. Bob suggested that we need to purchase 1,000 coffee cups. We go through at least 120 at each event.

NEW BUSINESS:

SITES: A discussion was hold on potential sites to hold our events in case of inclement weather. Joanna's was the one which everyone agreed was the top choice with Lipton's south Road facility 2nd. Dan made a motion and Ginny 2nd for Ann to propose to Jeff Lipton that we will give him a DIAMOND sponsorship in exchange for his holding Joanna's open for us if we need it. The second offer will be to give him \$350.00 to hold it the 6 nights of our concerts.

CONCERTS July 4, 2019, April 12, 2020: These dates were discussed and it was decided to cancel both concerts. Bev made a motion and Sandy 2nd to cancel the July 4 concert. Dawn made a motion and Kathy 2nd to cancel the April 12,2020 concert. Both motions were carried unanimously.

SCHOLARSHIPS: Bob made a presentation on our Scholarship program that the Commission has supported for over 15 years. He passed out a sample application that is given to interested high school seniors. Sandy made a motion and Gail 2nd to continue to award a Visual Arts scholarship up to \$1,000. The motion was carried unanimously.

UPDATE ON CONCERTS: Ann gave an update on the 2019 Summer Concert series and 2019-2020 Piedmont series. Most dates are filled under oral agreement or signed contract.

PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW: The Photography committee will contact the NEW COMMUNITY SERVICE MAGAZINE with information about our commission and the coming Photography Show.

NEW IDEAS: A discussion involved all the new ideas presented. What has been done in the past and what seemed like a good idea to pursue. Sandy, Gail and Donna agreed to be a sub-committee to follow up.

OUTSIDE GROUPS: After a lengthy discussion, the commission decided to turn down the request of Paula LaJoie because it is a complicated situation and there is not enough time to fulfill all the requirements. Pat J. made a motion and Sandy 2nd to deny the request. The motion carried unanimously.

D&G: Tabled until next meeting.

Sandy made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Bev 2nd. Carried unanimously

Adjourned at 8:45 pm

The next scheduled regular meeting is February 11, 2019 at 7pm

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Jones, Secretary

Minutes are not official until approved at a subsequent meeting