

SOMERS CULTURAL COMMISSION
Minutes for Monday, January 13, 2020 Meeting

Members in Attendance: Pat Bachetti, Dot Cutter, Sandra Grabierz, Ann Levesque, Donna Lewkowicz, Ginny Lockwood, Gail Tishler, Kathy Worcester; Honorary Member: Bob Hall; Volunteer Angel: Ann Murphy.
Members Absent: Dan Fraro, Beverly Guimond.

The Somers Cultural Commission meeting for Monday, January 13, 2020 was called to order at 6:58 p.m. by Chairperson Ann Levesque.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

A motion was made by Pat Bachetti and seconded by Sandy Grabierz to approve the minutes for the November 4, 2019 special meeting. The minutes were accepted unanimously. Ann Levesque reported that she had received a sponsor donation. Ann shared the Christmas card that was received from Jose Paulo with the Commission.

TREASURER'S REPORT

There was no Treasurer's Report or bills presented this month. Ann Murphy inquired as to whether Allyssa Norton had been paid for the notecard sketch. Sandy Grabierz agreed to follow up with Town Hall.

OLD BUSINESS

PUBLICITY UPDATE

Publicity Coordinator Ginny Lockwood reported that she posted the Coffeehouse dates on the Somers Cultural Commission Facebook page.

SOMERS CONNECTION MAGAZINE

Ginny Lockwood agreed to submit an article on the upcoming Photography Show by the January 20, 2020 submission deadline in order to be included in the February publication.

2020 SCARECROW CONTEST

Ann Levesque reported that Chris Boucher has offered his services to support the 2020 Scarecrow Contest. Donna Lewkowicz will schedule a meeting with Chris and the Scarecrow Contest Committee for late March.

COFFEEHOUSES

Ann Levesque reported that \$109.50 and \$148.00 in donations were received at the December 8th 2019 and January 12th 2020 Coffeehouses, respectively.

OLDE METHODIST CHURCH SIGN

Dot Cutter and Neil Connell are working on the historical write-up of Piedmont Hall. Dot will provide an update at the February 2020 meeting.

THANK YOU CARDS

Ann Levesque reported that thank you cards were sent out at Christmas to all of the 2019 sponsors.

OUTDOOR SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Ann Levesque reported that the Commission needs to identify an indoor venue as a back-up for the outdoor summer concerts.

NEW BUSINESS

PIEDMONT LOCKBOX

Bob Hall reminded all members to ensure the lockbox cover is locked when leaving Piedmont Hall.

COFFEE MAKERS

Bob Hall explained how to use the new coffee makers and agreed to write-up instructions. Dot Cutter volunteered to purchase coffee filters.

2020 VISUAL ARTS SCHOLARSHIP

Bob Hall presented the 2020 Visual Arts Scholarship qualifications/application. A discussion ensued as to whether the student should be required to be a Somers, CT resident. A suggestion was made to revise the qualification to state a Resident of Somers and/or a fully matriculated Somers High School Student. A motion was made by Sandy Grabierz and seconded by Ginny Lockwood to approve the change. Members unanimously approved the change.

YOUTH LIASON

Ann Levesque will consult with Ann Logan regarding the feasibility of adding a youth liaison to the Commission as a non-voting member.

SHS CHOIR

Bob Hall agreed to inquire as to whether the Somers High School Choir would be available to perform for a 2020/2021 Coffeehouse.

The next meeting of the Somers Cultural Commission is scheduled for Monday, February 10th at Piedmont Hall.

Kathy Worcester made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Dot Cutter. Members unanimously approved the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Lewkowicz, Secretary

NOTE: Minutes are not official until approved at a subsequent meeting.