

SOMERS CULTURAL COMMISSION

Minutes for Monday, February 10, 2020 Meeting

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

The Somers Cultural Commission meeting for Monday, February 10, 2020 was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairperson Ann Levesque.

Secretary's Report

A motion was made by Dan Fraro and seconded by Sandy Grabierz to approve the minutes for the January 13, 2020 regular meeting. The minutes were accepted unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

- a) Profit/Loss Statement: Sandy presented the profit/loss statement covering the period July 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019. What was collected and expensed was discussed in detail.
- b) Bills for approval/pay: Ann presented a receipt for \$16.99 for the purchase of batteries

A motion was made by Gail Tishler and seconded by Ginny Lockwood to approve the Treasurer's report and to pay the bill.

Old Business

- a) Publicity Update – G. Lockwood Discussed the publicity that has been done to date. Ginny will be sending publications information on the Photography Show.
- b) "Connection" spring issue featuring Photography Show – Ann noted that the connection issue has a deadline of 4/8/20 with a publication date of 5/10/20. Ginny will ensure that an article is ready for the magazine
- c) Update 2/9/20 Coffeehouse with Center Stage – A. Levesque gave an update on the coffeehouse. The performer was excellent and he had a strong response from the audience, including some that were dancing. The publicity was very good for the Piedmont Coffeehouse, particularly in the JI, resulting in strong attendance. The performer was a good fit for the audience.
- d) Follow-up discussion of alternative location for 2020 summer concerts – A. Levesque Ann will schedule a meeting with Jeff to discuss using the Pleasant View Banquet Hall as the alternate site for a summer concert if the concert is moved due to weather. Dan Fraro and Ann Murphy will be part of the discussion. Discussed offering a catered pizza and if successful, we can consider other food.

e) Update on Entertainer Schedules of 2020 Summer Concert series and 2020-2021

Coffeehouse- A. Levesque

Ann discussed in detail the list of proposed performers for the 2020 Summer Concert Series. The plan is for 7 concerts beginning on June 25th and ending on August 6th. A decision was made not to have a concert on August 13th because we will have 5 concerts in July and darkness will be setting in by the time the concert ends. Contracts need to be sent out and signed.

Ann discussed in detail the list of proposed performers for the 2020-2021 Coffeehouse. B. Hall said that Somers Music Students would not be available to perform because most of their time is spent preparing for school concerts or drama productions and they would not have enough material for the proposed coffeehouse date. Ann discussed meeting with a member of the Truckstop Troubadours and their plan is to start touring again. Ann will continue discussions with performers to finalize the list.

f) Update on 2020 SSC Scholarship Application guidelines – B. Hall

The revised scholarship application has been submitted to the High School Guidance office. The Guidance office has sent our application along with others they can apply for to all eligible High School seniors. I will pick-up the applications on April 3rd and deliver them to our April meeting for evaluation

New Business

a. Copper Hill Farm, 144 Hall Hill Road, Greg Hazleton, owner – A. Levesque

The owner of Copper Hill Farm approached Ann about using our facility and distributing flyers. Ann told him that using our facility was not an option. Need to evaluate the band he has before agreeing to distributing flyers.

b. Guidelines for SCC member' illness or member/spousal passing – A. Levesque

Ann discussed the need for guidelines in handling a member/spouse illness or passing. The motion was made by Dan Fraro and second by Gail Tishler to allow the President to spend up to \$100 for flowers/ fruit on behalf of the Cultural Commission.

c. Photography Show Update – G. Lockwood

Sue Fenton has been selected as the Juror for the Photography show. The plan is to rotate Jurors. We have decided to judge Black and White separate from Color photographs. The submittals of B&W have been dropping because of the perception that the Juror will have a preference for color.

d. Special Meeting – A. Levesque Due to a conflict with another town meeting, we will have a special meeting on Monday, March 2, 2020

Adjournment - next special meeting Monday, March 2, 2020

A motion was made by S. Grabierz and second by G. Tishler to adjourn the meeting at 8:08PM