

SOMERS CULTURAL COMMISSION

Minutes for Monday, March 2, 2020 Special Meeting

Members in Attendance: Sandra Grabierz, Beverly Guimond, Ann Levesque, Donna Lewkowicz, Gail Tishler, Kathy Worcester
Volunteer Angel: Giovanna Gioscia, Ann Murphy.
Members Absent: Pat Bachetti, Dot Cutter, Dan Fraro and Ginny Lockwood.

The Somers Cultural Commission special meeting for Monday, March 2, 2020 was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Chairperson Ann Levesque.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The minutes of the January 13, 2020 meeting were erroneously presented for approval. The February 10, 2020 minutes will be presented for approval at the next regular meeting. Ann Levesque shared a letter she had received from John & Tim Cutter regarding Dot's condition.

TREASURER'S REPORT

There was no Treasurer's Report presented this month. Sandy presented an \$18.60 invoice for the purchase of paper to be used for the Photography Show/Art Show applications.

OLD BUSINESS

PUBLICITY UPDATE

There was no publicity update presented this month. Ann Levesque presented Ginny Lockwood's e-mail regarding the error in the Journal Inquirer (JI) as to the date of the March coffeehouse. Ann confirmed that the JI had since corrected the date. Ginny's suggestion to pay for publicity will be discussed at the next meeting.

SOMERS CONNECTION MAGAZINE

Ann Levesque mentioned that the deadline for submission of articles regarding the Photography Show and 2020 Summer Concerts for the Connection spring issue is April 8, 2020 with a publication of May 10, 2020.

PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW

Sandy Grabierz confirmed that the Juror is in place and that the applications will be sent out this month. Sandy also presented the sitter's schedule which will be finalized at the next meeting. This year is the 20th anniversary of the Photography Show. As Co-Chairs of the Photography Show, Ginny Lockwood and Sandy Grabierz had discussed bringing in entertainment for the opening reception. Ann Levesque played a CD from a Harpist she had recently heard and Sandy agreed to contact her to discuss playing at the reception.

LOCATION FOR 2020 SUMMER CONCERTS

Ann Levesque discussed using Joanna's as the alternate location for the 2020 summer concerts in the event of inclement weather. The Commission further discussed moving all of the 2020 concerts indoors amid concerns regarding the EEE virus. A motion was made by Donna Lewkowicz and seconded by Gail Tishler to hold all of the summer concerts (with the exception of the June 23, 2020 and July 23, 2020 concerts) at Joanna's. The Commission agreed unanimously. Ann Levesque will present venue options for the June 23, 2020 and July 23, 2020 concerts at the next meeting.

ENTERTAINER SCHEDULE

Ann Levesque presented the entertainer schedule for the 2020 Summer Concerts and 2020-2021 Coffeehouses. Ann discussed the increase in fees for one of the entertainers slated for a 2021 Coffeehouse. Ann Murphy mentioned that the savings realized on one of the Summer Concerts would offset the increase of the specific Coffeehouse entertainers. A motion was made by Bev Guimond and seconded by Gail Tishler to pay the additional fee increase for one of the 2021 Coffeehouse entertainers. Sandy Grabierz opposed the motion. The remainder of the Commission members approved the motion.

Ann Levesque and Gail Tishler discussed their attendance at the Entertainment Showcase to identify potential entertainers for the summer concerts and coffeehouses. A motion was made by Donna Lewkowicz and seconded by Kathy Worcester to reimburse Ann and Gail the admission fee of \$35 each for the event. Members unanimously approved the motion.

OLD BUSINESS

EVENT FLYER

Ann Murphy presented a draft of the event flyer for comments. Ann noted that the events and dates need to be finalized by March 25th in order to meet the printing deadline.

The next meeting of the Somers Cultural Commission is scheduled for Monday, April 13th at Piedmont Hall.

Sandy Grabierz made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Bev Guimond. Members unanimously approved the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Lewkowicz, Secretary

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