

SOMERS CULTURAL COMMISSION

Minutes for Monday, September 14, 2020 Regular Meeting

Members in Attendance via Zoom: Pat Bachetti, Beverly Guimond, Ann Levesque, Donna Lewkowicz, Ginny Lockwood, Gail Tishler, Volunteer Angel: Giovanna Gioscia, Ann Murphy.
Members Absent: Dan Fraro

The Somers Cultural Commission regular meeting for Monday, September 14, 2020 was called to order at 6:58 p.m. by Chairperson Ann Levesque.

Ann Levesque informed the Commission that Cindy Rusinowski was recently approved as a SCC member by the Board of Selectman. Gail Tishler made a motion to accept Cindy as a new member which was seconded by Bev Guimond. Members unanimously approved Cindy as a member.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The minutes of the June 8, 2020 regular meeting were presented for approval. Ann Levesque requested that the minutes be revised to add the name of the SCC Scholarship recipient. Pat Bachetti made a motion to approve the June 8, 2020 meeting minutes with the requested change, which was seconded by Ginny Lockwood. Members unanimously approved the motion. No correspondence was presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ann Levesque presented the Treasurer's Report as of August 31, 2020. Ann reported that the \$2,500 donation from the Town will be transferred in September. Pat Bachetti made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report which was seconded by Bev Guimond. Members unanimously approved the motion.

Ann Levesque presented a total of \$331.84 in expenses related to the Summers Concert Series for approval. Bev Guimond made a motion to approve the reimbursement of \$331.84 to Ann Levesque which was seconded by Gail Tishler. Members unanimously approved the motion.

OLD BUSINESS

UPDATE OF 2020 SPONSORSHIP CAMPAIGN

Ann Murphy reported that the Campaign raised a total of \$6,650 (\$800 of which was donated in kind). Ann Murphy also presented the flyer with the SCC future activities and sponsor's names. Ann Levesque thanked Ann Murphy and Dan Fraro for their work in obtaining the 2020 sponsors.

FINAL UPDATE 2020 SUMMER CONCERTS

Ann Levesque reported that the summer concerts were a huge success with approximately 175 individuals attending each concert and adhering to the safety regulations. For the first time, the concerts were also streamed live. Ann Murphy reported a positive viewership of the concerts both live and recorded. Ann Levesque thanked Ann Murphy for all of her work in orchestrating the streaming and publicizing the concerts, Sarah Uyar for recording the concerts and Gail Tishler, Pat Bachetti and Bev Guimond for their assistance at the concerts.

FALL CONNECTION UPDATE

Ann Levesque will put an article in the October magazine noting the SCC activities that will resume in 2021.

PUBLICITY UPDATE

Ginny Lockwood reported that she posted an article and picture of Ashley Hesse, the recipient of the SCC Scholarship on the Somers CT Neighborhood Forum and had received a number of positive comments. Ginny also agreed to post pictures of the 2019 Art Show and Scarecrow Contest on the SCC site reminding viewers that these activities will resume in 2021.

NEW BUSINESS

TREASURER

Ann Levesque asked for volunteers to fill the Treasurer's seat which was left vacant by the resignation of Sandy Grabierz.

FALL CONCERT SERIES

Ann Levesque reported that the fall concerts are now underway through Columbus Day weekend.

DG GRAPHICS

Ann Levesque reported the remaining credit balance on file with DG Graphics is \$98.50.

UPDATE OF LIVE STREAMING FOR FALL CONCERTS

Ann Murphy reported that the live streaming will continue for the fall concerts with the help of videographer Michelle Pellissier. Ann thanked both Sarah Uyar and Michelle Pellissier for the quality of the streaming which she noted was beyond expectations.

2021 POTENTIAL ACTIVITIES

Ann Levesque discussed the possibility of SCC sponsoring an outdoor movie night in 2021. This will be discussed further at the October 12, 2020 meeting.

The next meeting of the Somers Cultural Commission is scheduled for Monday, October 12th.

Ann Levesque adjourned the meeting at 8:09 p.m. Bev Guimond made a motion to approve the adjournment which was seconded by Ginny Lockwood.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Lewkowicz, Secretary

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