

Somers Cultural Commission Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2021-7:00 p.m. Piedmont Hall

Present: Chair Ann Levesque, Pat Bachetti, Eileen Fedorowich, Giovanna Gioscia, Lynn Goss, Bev Guimond, Gracie Herrity, Dave Marti, Victoria Oliver, Gail Tishler. Dan Fraro and Ann Murphy attended via zoom. Bob Hall and Isabella Nolasco were absent.

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by chair Ann at 7:01. Members saluted the flag with the Pledge of Allegiance. Ann gave a big shout out to Dave Marti for the great banner and signs of sponsors at the gazebo for the concert series.

Approval of minutes: There was one spelling error noted in the April minutes. Dave Marti motioned to approve with the correction and Bev Guimond seconded. Approved unanimously. There was no correspondence at this time.

Treasurer's report: Treasurer's report was presented by Ann. Gail Tishler motioned to accept and Eileen Fedorowich seconded, Approved. Ann stated there were no bills presently.

Old Business: Bev Guimond inquired about the treasurer's position. Ann will discuss this with her. The sponsorship campaign to date has received \$7575. This is an increase over last year. Dave Marti spoke with the food truck gentleman who is considering our summer series. He is coming to check out the site May 22. Dave has committed to having his van at the series and sell potato chips, ice creams, soda and water as a fundraiser for the Rotary Club. His tip jar will be donated to the Cultural Commission. So appreciated Dave. Mention of possibly Cooper Hill Farm interested in coming. Streaming the series has been enjoyed by many in our community from home. The first concert had 900 hits and a great response from the community to the streaming and live. Streaming has 40 new page likes and reached 9,046 people. 1807 viewed various videos. The "Cartells-4090, the "Decades" 3324 and Rick Larrimore{"Rod Stewart"}-1370{early number}. People also go on later after the concert during the week following. Thank you to Gail and her group for doing all the thank you notes to our sponsors. There has been some good publicity in the papers recently-JI, North Central, Senior Newsletter. Also possibility of "Out n' About" to send pictures. Victoria will check with Ann to put on Facebook. Cindy offered to check with the Go Local magazine and might try to "tweet" Scott Haney of Channel 3. The repairs to the Piedmont roof are questionable. Concern about leakage with the upcoming possibility of the Coffee House.

New Business: There is a question of the need for deep cleaning of the Piedmont before the Art Show. Who do we hire? Need for contacts. Room approximately 35x30 ft. Cindy reported on the progress of the Piedmont and the cultural commission history. She is holding records(1993-2003-little information}. Piedmont established 1856? She is working hard and in touch with Neil Connell who also has some history of the Piedmont building. We need to give thought to the Coffee House. It starts the second Sunday in November the 14th from 6-8 p.m.

See where we are with the pandemic. Reservations? Call/text people? Will not do any contracts with entertainers until we see where it's going. A great job by the Boy Scouts who painted the gazebo floor in time for our concert series. So very appreciated.

Next months meeting will be our last one before a 2 month recess per by-laws. Monday, June 12 at 7:00 p.m. Dave motioned to adjourn and Cindy seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Pat Bachetti-secretary

Note: Minutes are not official until approved at a subsequent meeting