

**SOMERS CULTURAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
PIEDMONT HALL APRIL 8, 2024 7:00 p.m.**

Present: Pat Bachetti, Yvonne Besse, Neil Connell, Eileen Fedorowich, Dan Fraro, Giselle Genece, Bob Hall, John Kelleher, Ann Levesque(chairperson), Dave Marti, Terri Schmidt, Gail Tishler

Absent: Lynne Goss, Tim simone

Call to Order: Members saluted our flag and Ann called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Secretary's Report: Minutes were presented with no corrections or additions. Terri motioned to accept as read and Yvonne seconded. Approved.

No correspondence at this time.

Treasurer's Report: Terri presented the financials-the profit/loss and an updated budget. No discussion-very clear. Thank you Terri.

No bills were presented at this time.

Terri is suggesting new name tags which are neater looking and are not attached to clothing. Dave motioned to purchase and Pat seconded. Approved. Terri will order them from Amazon. Dave gave an update on the water cooler after consulting with Kim at town hall. Looking at a 5 lb. floor model cooler on Amazon. Also use paper cups as opposed to plastic/styrofoam going forward. Dave will also check with Donna at the senior center as to their cooler and amount of water it holds. Dave motioned to spend up to \$150 on the cooler and Gail seconded. Approved. Thank you Dave.

Regarding the Mary Drayton painting as discussed at the last meeting-is not at the town hall but Yvonne said they have Mary Drayton and possible at the town library. Tabled for further searching and possible library input.

Neil spoke of the upcoming photography show with the opening reception on May 5, 1-3p.m. Flyers are out and lawn signs going next week. Members signed up for the sitter's schedule and all is on track for another successful show. We are pleased Sue Fenton will juror our show once again. Volunteers will be needed for refreshments as it gets closer.

Ann spoke with Dr. Nero regarding boy scout painting project of doing Piedmont porch. Scheduled date is May 22 weather permitting. Very appreciative of the scouts for doing this needed project.

Ann happily announced that all is set for the KC Sisters. They have agreed to the \$1700 fee for the full band. Very popular and will be performing as part of the Holiday Festival on December 7 in the evening at the Somers Congregational Church.

Tim was unavailable and the Open Mic idea was tabled until the May meeting.

Members were reminded of the ongoing Sponsorship Campaign. Reach out to neighbors, friends, businesses you may know.

New Business: Ann reported regarding the concert lawn signs. We have 11 for the spring series and 18 for the summer at present. We will continue to put updated adhesive labels on date changes for the present ones and order 8 new spring signs as we need a few more. Terri motioned and John seconded. Approved.

Bob Hall presented two scholarship applicants for Art and Dance from the Somers High School for viewing with their work and essays. Members viewed and voted on the winner of the

scholarship. Name withheld in minutes until after school awards assembly and person awarded the scholarship.

Future entertainment is always on our minds. Ann said she, Gail and Dave are exploring new groups, singers, etc. Ann is inviting members who are available to join them in this search. She will put out a list with dates for viewing. Dave spoke of a new venue called "Packing House" in the area which has various groups also.

Discussion on an outside box for placing flyers for various activities of commission. Can we do? On building/lawn? Further discussion and research needed.

Reminder: Town-wide tag sale coming May 4th and the fall one October 5th. On these dates permits are waved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Next meeting will be held on May 13, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,
Pat Bachetti, secretary**

Minutes not official until approved at a subsequent meeting.