

Cultural Commission Meeting Minutes January 12, 2009

Present: John Cowles, Robert Hall, Chris Anthony, Dee Moak, Lois Lindell, Janice Steinmetz, Linda Abbott, Jeannie Bryanton

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes with following changes:

- No changes required.

Financials: (Linda Abbott)

- slight corrections were made to the 2008 Art Show financial statement.
- a Holiday Tea net positive income was reported.

Correspondence:

- John Larabee thanked the commission again for having the Windham Concert Band concert in Jaci's honor last summer. He volunteered to sponsor them again this year in Jaci's honor.

Recognition of Jaci Larabee:

- The Larabee family has suggested planting a Magnolia tree, and the group agrees. We will ask the town for permission to plant the tree in front of Piedmont in the spring of 2009. Locations were discussed in the meeting.

Photography Show 2009

- Janice Steinmetz to print a brochure for John Cowles review. Photo show be held over two weekends this year. Weekends of April 24-26 and May 1-3.
- Opening reception will be on Friday evening, April 24th, with entertainment from Hart School of Music.
- Awards ceremony will be on May 3.

Annual Appeal:

- Need to evaluate whether to have one based on economic conditions.

Art Show: (Neil Connell, Linda Percoski)

- No discussion this month.

Concerts & Entertainment: (Committee members: John Cowles, Dee Moak, Mary Ann Olsen)

- March 13, discussed possible concert in Piedmont or Town Hall. Dee Moak to spearhead. Concert will be an Irish Group with dancers. Dee to finalize plans by January 23, Lois to fax information to North Central News for advertising. Dee will come to John Cowles to set up contract for group.

- Tentative Concerts schedule is Thursday nights July 2, July 9, July 16, July 23, and July 30. John to start setting up bands this month, possibilities include:
 - Windham Concert Band (definite, sponsored by John Larabee)
 - John Banker, something in New Orleans Blues, Cowboy, Jazz, Country, Polka, Show Tunes.
- A children's concert will be held before one of the concerts this year. Children's concert will be held from 5:30-6:30 PM, regular concert to follow. Chris will call the current cultural enrichment person for the PTA for suggestions, and bring the names of some groups and their music types to the next meeting Bob Hall will check with elementary school for suggestions as well.

Cultural Commission Website: (Robert Hall)

- Mark Trescott was asking for better pictures for website.
- Anyone can bring pictures to Bob Hall, John Cowles to send any pictures of summer concerts.

Holiday Tea:

- Everyone agreed that the 2008 Holiday Tea held in Piedmont was a great success. Concert was great, well attended, decorations were outstanding.
- Recommendations for next year is to put a "SOLD OUT" sign in front of Piedmont to avoid people showing up at the event and trying to attend.

Art Scholarship: (Committee members: Neil Connell, Linda Percoski, Robert Hall, Jeannie Bryanton)

- No action or discussion.

Other Discussions:

- None

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting Monday February 9, 2009, 7:00 PM at Piedmont Hall.