

Cultural Commission Meeting Minutes February 9, 2009

Present: John Cowles, Robert Hall, Chris Anthony, Lois Lindell, Janice Steinmetz, Jeannie Bryanton, Linda Percoski, Neil Connell, Kathy Worcester, Mary Ann Olsen

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes with following changes:

- No changes required.

Financials: (Linda Abbott)

- Lois presented in Linda's absence. Nothing major reported.

Correspondence:

- Received Thank You note from Lisa Coop for Hazard Grill Certificate
- Received note from Town Seal contestant asking status. Dave Pinney stated that none of the entries were what the town was looking for. We are referring the contestant to talk to Dave Pinney.

Recognition of Jaci Larabee:

- Discussed best time to plant Magnolia tree (spring). Will look to see if there is a dwarf Magnolia to avoid tree growing into Piedmont's electrical wires.

Photography Show 2009

- Reviewed brochure Janice put together after meeting.
- Photo show to 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. John Cowles to set up.
- Neil will book Piedmont from April 18th to May 4th.
- 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)

- Saint Patrick's Day Program
 - Contract signed with Crossing the Pond.

- Program will be at Town Hall 7:00 – 8:30 PM
- Band will play for 1 hour with a 10 minute break.
- Two dancers (Elizabeth Tarbox and Eleanor Tynan) will present a history of step dancing and dance a few numbers. Their program will be 15 minutes to ½ hour.
- Janice to do posters, Lois to put add in papers
- Bob will put up sign in front of Piedmont and get link on somersnow.com
- 3 people volunteered to bring cookies, 3 to bring brownies.
- 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:
 - John committed to book bands for summer concerts by the next meeting.
 - 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 sent John some information which he still has to review.

Cultural Commission Website: (Robert Hall)

- A new CD of pictures was sent to Mark Trescott.

Holiday Tea:

- No discussion.

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

- No action or discussion.

Other Discussions:

- Neil and Linda discussed setting up a non-profit group to sponsor and administer Art Show. Before doing this, Linda P. to discuss with Town Treasurer whether they can change rule about prize money such that only prizes above \$600.00 require a Social Security number.
- Closet in basement of Piedmont needs cleaning, a few volunteers signed up.
- Lois will not be here for the next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned

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