

Cultural Commission Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2009

Present: John Cowles, Linda Abbott, Kathy Worcester , Jeannie Bryanton , Chris Anthony, Janice Steinmetz, , Linda Percoski, Neil Connell, Robert Hall

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes with following changes:

- No changes required.

Financials: (Linda Abbott)

- Linda presented the Treasurer's report, it was accepted as is.

Correspondence:

- None

Recognition of Jaci Larabee:

- It was suggested during the meeting that it might be more appropriate to plant the tree at the memorial garden at the Library instead of in front of Piedmont Hall.
- Other discussions and emails subsequent to the meeting will be discussed at the next meeting.

Photography Show 2009

- Cost of band higher than last year. John has price list.
- Bob Hall to see about Somers students that might do the opening night at a lower cost. Jazz or classical music is desired.
- Janice to get advertising for show in North Central News. Kathy to handle the JJ and Hartford Courant.
- Piedmont was booked by Neil from April 17 to May 4, 2009.

Annual Appeal:

- Voted not to have annual appeal this year.

Art Show: (Neil Connell, Linda Percoski)

- Lois and Neil had a productive conversation with the Town Treasurer
- Will only need to ask for SS#'s from people winning over \$600.00

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

- Saint Patrick's Day Program
 - Bob Hall and Linda Abbott to go early at 6:00 PM. Food is all set.

- John to touch base with band and confirm that they will show up at 6:00 or later. Also need to ask how long for them to take down their setup to make room for the step dancers.
- 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:
 - Children's concert was looking expensive. John to discuss with yaconn.org and see if they can work with us. Bob Hall to see if students are available at school.
 - Concerts setup are:
 - July 2: Amy Gallatin: Country, Bluegrass, Americana
 - July 9: Windham Concert Band: Marches, Musical, Medleys
 - July 16: Resurrection Airmen Band: "Real Country Done Right"
 - July 24: Riverboat Ramblers (John Banker), New Orleans Jazz
 - July 31: Pioneer Valley Fiddlers: Bluegrass

Cultural Commission Website: (Robert Hall)

- Bob Hall working with Mary Elizabeth McLaughlin to build our site. Mary will then maintain it.

Holiday Tea:

- No discussion.

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

- Bob to talk about the scholarship at the high school so we can get scholarship awarded by the art awards show.
- Bob to work with Neil and Linda to determine deadline for entry and get paperwork to school

New Business / Other Discussions:

- An updated contact list was requested for the next meeting.
- Talked about doing a garden tour in 2010. Need group to visit gardens this year and book for 2010.
- Dee to talk to Roulier about the use of Worthington Pond. Last time we did this we sold lunch boxes and had art pieces for sale there. Also did supper the night before.
- Committee met almost every week for a year to plan. Previous garden show was run in July. Toured 9-10 gardens.

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting Monday April 13, 2009, 7:00 PM at Piedmont Hall.