

Cultural Commission Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2009

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

Previous Meeting Minutes:

- The secretary had resigned and the group voted to forgo the minutes from the last meeting.

Financials:

- Financial report was presented, discussed and accepted.

Correspondence:

- Letter from Robert Mulak thanking the Commission for the 2009 Visual Arts Scholarship.
- Notification from Jhon Cowles and Lois Lindell that they are resigning from the commission.

Summer Concerts:

- Linda requested that we begin tracking donations by performer to judge which performers are preferred.
- Received some negative feedback on Resurrection Airmen Band so they will not be selected to perform in the future.
- Received positive feedback on the Children's concert.
- Due to the significant amount of rain this summer, we had only two concerts outdoors.
- Chris Anthony handed out a Summer Concert notice from the Stafford Arts Council. We will evaluate doing a card/postcard for next year.
- Discussed having next year's concert in the town park. Commission members will visit the park and evaluate.

Piedmont Art Show

- Neil Connell distributed the show schedule.
- Sitters were selected for each day of the show.
- Neil requested donations of food.
- Need volunteers to set-up from 12 – 1 PM on September 27th and then clean-up after 3:00 PM.
- Need a greeter on September 27th so Neil and Linda can work with the artists.
- Have a longer day on October 1st because the Town Hall is open late and we have more people that may visit.
- Received 133 entries but only 100 will be chosen for the show.
- Cleanup will be from 3 – 4:00 PM on Sunday, October 4th.

Garden Tour:

- Have 12 Gardens (6 repeat and 6 new)
- We will not provide a lunch unless we can work something out with the Somers Inn or Richie Tees. If a boxed lunch is available, the people can pick it up and bring it to Worthington Pond.
- Will charge \$20 the day of and \$15 for advance sales.
- Discussed doing an Art Show. If someone can manage the show, we can display the art at Worthington Ponds.

Holiday Tea:

- Chris Anthony and Jeannie Bryanton volunteered to coordinate the Holiday Tea. Bob Hall volunteered to assist.
- The Holiday Tea will be scheduled for December 6, 2009.

- Bob Hall will contact Choral Director Joan Machacek to confirm the High School Jazz Choir to perform.
- Bob Hall will contact the NHS Advisor, Jan Martin, to request students to serve.
- Mary K. Sloan requested 20 tickets last year and she will be contacted to lock in her reservation.
- Reservations not paid by November 15th will be resold.
- It was recommended to move the Tea to the Town Hall to provide more room for additional tables. Chris Anthony will book the Town Hall.
- Will ask Dee for cups and saucers.
- Chris and Jeannie will develop a menu.
- A request was made for more finger sandwiches.

Replacement of Secretary

- Bob Hall volunteered to be Secretary of the Commission
- The board voted to accept Bob as Secretary.

North Central News

- We have one small Ad available for this year.
- We will use the ad on November 1st to advertize the Holiday Tea.
- Linda Abbott will develop a notice for the Holiday Tea.
- Have 6 large ads for 2010. We will use them for the St. Patrick's Celebration, Photo Show, Garden Tour, Summer Concerts, Art Show and Holiday Tea.

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting Monday October 19, 2009, 7:00 PM at Piedmont Hall. The date was changed because of the Columbus Day holiday.