

Somers Cultural Commission Minutes

April 11, 2011

Present: Linda Abbott, Nancy Barbosa, Neil Connell, Bob Hall, Rich Mazur, Dee Moak, John Reeves, Judy Reeves, Janice Steinmetz and Kathy Worcester.

Secretary's Report: The minutes were accepted as read.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer discussed the report. The Commission received three more donations for the Summer Concerts.

Correspondence: No new correspondence was received

Subcommittee Reports:

Photography Show

- Janice distributed a Photography Show brochure to the attending Commission members.
- Bob reported that no High School students will be available to play at the reception due to a conflict with sports and the Drama Club production of Grease. Recorded music will be used.
- Janice requested finger foods and desserts for the Photography Show Reception on May 6th. Deliver the food to Piedmont Hall at 5:00 PM.
- Sitters were assigned for each of the days and times..

Summer Concerts

- All contracts are signed and at Town Hall
- Rich recommended giving a donation to the South Windsor Community Band. A motion was made and the commission agreed to donate \$200.
- Rich met with the Rotary Club and they will consider making a donation.
- Rich distributed material from the performers to Bob Hall for posting on SomersCultural.com
- Rich requested approval to purchase signs highlighting the concert. The Commission approved the purchase.
- The Boy Scouts are looking into selling Ice Cream at the concerts.

Old Business

Art Display in Town Hall:

- 17 Works of art are on display. And will be displayed until June 1st.
- A draft of a new page has been developed on SomersCultural.com. Linda Abbott made some changes to the draft and the page will be updated.

Front Sign:

- Rich met with D&G Graphics on April 5th and they said they would try to get the work complete in two weeks. Rich will follow-up with them again tomorrow.

Scholarship:

- The applications are available at the High School Guidance Office
- Bob Hall also delivered applications to the Art Department at SHS.
- Bob Hall confirmed that he will deliver applications to Linda Percoski on April 26th.

Establish a Town Band:

- Dee requested and was given the contact information for Rich Szoka, who plays for the South Windsor Band. She will contact him this month.

Piedmont Projects: Linda has contacted Bob Pettee and another local electrician for installing the outside light. Expect to an estimate soon.

North Central News Contract: North Central News wanted to raise their rate but we got them to agree to honor the rate that was agreed to in October.

2011 Budget: No response yet from the town.

New Business

Potential St. Patrick's Event: A Celtic band has approached Rich Mazur and Rich discussed having them perform next March. The group agreed that the concept has merit and we will table it for discussion in the fall.

Informative Program: Rich met with Dan and Diane of Paper Reeds to confirm the bird program on May 24th. Rich developed a summary of the program and Bob Hall will have it posted on SomersCultural.com and SomersNow.com

Coffee House Concept: Judy Reeves presented a proposal to developed a monthly program similar to what is in place in Stafford, CT

- Monthly from October to April
- Have Singers, Poets, Authors and others as the draw.
- Stafford program is free; donations requested.
- Piedmont Percolator was a name discussed. Everyone liked it.
- Will discuss idea again at next meeting

Holiday Tea: Judy Reeves recommended that the tea needs to add something to draw the people to attend. She suggested a “Elenor Roosevelt” or another performer such as a Somers Historical person dressed in costume.

Literary Events: John Reeves proposed developing a Literary Program

- Reading by a writer or poet
- John provided a list of published individuals in Somers
- The Commission gave the approval to begin pursuing Poets and Writers.

Next meeting: **April 11, 2011 @ 7 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Hall