

Somers Cultural Commission Minutes

May 09, 2011

Present: Linda Abbott, Nancy Barbosa, Neil Connell, Bob Hall, Rich Mazur and Janice Steinmetz. A special call was made in order to establish a quorum.

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

Treasurer's Report: The town did not balance against the bank statement for this report. Expenses and fees were posted for the Photo Show

Correspondence: No new correspondence was received. Thank You notes were sent to donors.

Subcommittee Reports:

Photography Show

- The Reception on Friday night was well attended with all but one of the award recipients in attendance.
- Janice has updated and emailed the schedule of members to sit for each day. A radio needs to be turned on by the sitters when they open.

Summer Concerts

- Rich will handle meeting the groups. Nancy can introduce the group on 7/7 or 7/14. Linda is also available to do introductions.
- Rich will develop a list of donors to be announced at each of the concerts.
- The concert series has been posted on SomersCultural.com. An ad will go in the June NCN.

Old Business

Art Display in Town Hall:

- The plan is to turn exhibit over on June 1st if we get enough new submissions from the community.

Front Sign:

- Rich met with D&G Graphics several times to remind them about the sign.
- D&G Graphics installed the repaired sign section as we were meeting.

Scholarship:

- The applications were reviewed by the Art Evaluation Committee and an applicant was selected.
- Linda Abbott will prepare a cover letter to the recipient from the Commission to accompany the check.
- The group discussed encouraging the Scholarship Award applicant to have their art displayed at the September Art show.

Piedmont Percolator

- The commission members agreed to pursue establishing a monthly program.
- Discussed having the program from 6:00PM – 8:00PM on the first or second Sunday of each month from October to April.
- The commission members voted to accept the program and to have it on Sunday evening.
- We discussed cost of \$200 per meeting plus the cost of refreshments. Suggest purchasing refreshments.
- The details will be discussed at future meetings.

Establish a Town Band:

- Dee was not in attendance so the topic was tabled until next month.

Piedmont Projects: Linda will be meeting with Bob Pettee tomorrow to obtain an estimate to install a light with motion detector on the front porch.

North Central News Contract: We are paying per ad at the contracted rate.

2011 Budget: We need to consider developing an annual fundraising event if Town support goes away. Several concepts were discussed.

New Business

Donation Sign:

- Linda Abbott discussed the need for developing a larger “donation” sign to be displayed at future events.
- The following wording was recommended: “Our performances depend on your Generosity and Support”.

Next meeting: **June 13, 2011 @ 7 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Hall