

# **Somers Cultural Committee Minutes**

**June 13, 2011**

Present: Neil Connell (acting Chairman), Judy Reeves, John Reeves (acting Secretary), Dee Moak, Rich Mazur, Nancy Barbosa, Kathy Worcester.

**Secretary's Report; Treasurer's Report:** Due to the absence of the Secretary and Treasurer, no reports were presented

**Correspondence:** No correspondence was received.

## ***Subcommittee Reports:***

**Photography Show:** Due to the absence of Janice Steinmetz, no formal report was submitted, but the committee members agreed informally that the show was a success.

## **Summer Concert Series:**

- Rich Mazur stated that signs to publicize the summer concert series will be displayed at various locations in the Somers area. The Somers Beautification Committee has placed restrictions on where the signs may be displayed.
- Invoices have been received from D G Graphics for repair of the sign in front of Piedmont Hall (\$200 minus a \$100 contribution from DG Graphics) and for signs publicizing the Summer Concert Series (\$100). The invoices will be sent to Janice for payment.
- There was a discussion about whether it would be preferable to have one master of ceremonies for all concerts or to distribute that function among the various Cultural Commission Committee members. The Committee decided that Rich Mazur should be the master of ceremonies for all concerts.
- A large sign listing the Sponsors of the Summer Concerts will be displayed at each concert. One of the sponsors, the Rotary Club, has requested permission for a spokesperson to say a few words about the activities of the Club before the concert. The Committee decided that it would be preferable for Rich Mazur, as master of ceremonies, to make a short statement provided by the Rotary Club as to the nature of their activities. A similar opportunity will be extended to the other sponsors.
- Checks will be requested from the town treasurer to pay the fees for each of the performers of the concert series.
- The South Windsor Community Band is not charging a fee for their concert. The committee unanimously approved a motion to make a \$200 donation to the South Windsor Community Band to show its appreciation for their participation.
- It is not yet known whether the Boy Scouts will be selling ice cream at the concerts. The committee decided that the Cultural Commission itself would not offer refreshments for sale at the concerts.

## ***New Business:***

### **Art Display at Town Hall:**

- The art displayed at the town hall was scheduled to be replaced with new pieces of art on June 1, but this will now be rescheduled for July 1.
- The committee discussed various options (2-6 months) for the duration of each art display; it was agreed that each display should extend for at least 3 months.
- It was decided that artists outside of Somers itself, but still within the general local region, could be asked to offer artwork for the town hall displays.

### **Piedmont Percolator:**

- Judy Reeves stated that Jim Bailey and Dan Libisch had been scheduled for the first performances at the coffee house on the second week of October. Robin Oherin has been scheduled for November and Dan Stevens for January. Each of these performers will supply their own sound systems at the performances. It was decided that the CD's recorded by these artists could be offered for sale at the performances.
- The committee decided that performances scheduled for the second week in December would not interfere with the Christmas Tea, if given this year, and would go ahead as planned.
- The committee discussed the possibility of offering food donated by local restaurants at the performances. Because of the labor entailed in offering these items and cleaning up afterward, it was decided to limit refreshments to coffee (with flavored syrups provided), tea and small snacks like cookies.
- Rich Mazur indicated that the Village Players would be willing to contribute short performances or readings for the coffee house. John Reeves will contact the Players about the possibility of presenting a version of Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* for the December event.
- Dee Moak contributed several names of local performers for literary performances at the coffeehouse.
- Judy and John Reeves will look into obtaining spotlights for the performances.
- It was decided that to minimize any confusion about the nature of Piedmont Percolator, it would be referred to as "Piedmont Percolator Coffeehouse".
- Eight tables and 49 chairs are available for the performances and more chairs can be obtained if needed. Battery operated candles will be provided for each table. Additional lighting will be provided for the kitchen area.

### **Piedmont Art Show**

- The Art Show will be held from September 25 through October 2, 2011. Art works should be dropped off on September 8, 9 and 10. Rejected works should be picked up on September 16 and 17 and accepted works should be picked up after the show.
- A prospectus for the show will be sent out in the middle of July.

## ***Old Business:***

**Dee Moak's proposal for a Town Band:** Dee Moak has contacted Rick Szlaba about organizing a town band and he has expressed interest in doing so. Because of Mr. Szlaba's and Dee's busy summer schedules, further consideration of the town band will be postponed until the fall.

**Porch light:**

- Bob Petee was approached about installing motion detectors for the front porch lights. He stated that it would be difficult to do and expensive.
- In discussion, the committee felt that the current situation was dangerous and needed to be remedied before an injury occurred. The committee recommended getting estimates for this project from some other electricians.
- John and Judy volunteered to look into the possibility of motion detectors that could be attached to the current light fixtures, most likely at a reduced cost.

**July Meeting:** It was decided to cancel the meeting scheduled for July because a quorum would not be achieved due to the absence of many committee members. The next meeting was scheduled for August 8.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM.

Submitted by John Reeves, Acting Secretary