

Somers Cultural Commission Minutes

November 14, 2011

Present: Linda Abbott, Bob Hall, Rich Mazur, Dee Moak, John Reeves, Judy Reeves, Janice Steinmetz, Ruthie Sutter & Kathy Worcester.

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

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer report was accepted as submitted.

Correspondence: Correspondence received from Town Hall was discussed defining a 'quorum'.

Visitor:

Ellen Pfeifer, a student at Somers High School was introduced and welcomed to the meeting. Ellen was working on a homework assignment that required her to visit a Town meeting. She was a pleasure to meet and participated well.

Subcommittee Reports:

Piedmont Art Show: The Art Show results were discussed. It was suggested that in the future the Art Show should be managed by a committee. The idea was well received. This will be further expanded upon at the next meeting in January and voted on.

Piedmont Percolator

- Had another successful event with many audience members returning from the last one.
- Judy Reeves presented handouts from the Stafford Arts Commission Coffee House.
- Judy requested \$150 to have smaller size bookmarks printed listing our upcoming events. Request approved.
- Bob Hall will meet with the High School Drama Club to promote the December event with the Village Players.
- Ellen Pfeifer from the High School offered to promote the Piedmont Percolator to her friends and have an announcement by the Principal made over the loudspeaker encouraging student attendance.

Old Business

Town Band: Dee has not had a chance to follow-up but will contact the person in the near future.

Piedmont Projects: Bob Pettee still has not installed the light. Linda will re-contact him one more time and will contact another electrician if he does not respond. Linda was given the name of another electrician.

New Business

Special Election: Rich Mazur accepted the nomination of Vice Chairperson. He was elected by unanimous vote.

Attendance: In light of the definition of a quorum constituting at least 8 members in order to conduct a business meeting, attendance was discussed. As part of the discussion it was suggested that an “Honorary membership” category should be added. This would allow for long-term members, who have problems getting to meetings but who wish to remain active when events are held, to move to this category. Honorary members would not have to attend meetings. We will discuss again to define the category in more detail.

By-Laws: A copy of the by-laws was distributed electronically. At the next meeting we need to review Attendance by-laws and decide whether or not to modify them, and include other aforementioned subjects, i.e., Honorary Membership. This will happen at the January meeting.

Holiday Meeting at Reeves Home: John & Judy Reeves will host a get together for Commission Members and spouses at 6:00 PM on Monday December 12th. They will contact the members on what to bring.

Next meeting: **January 9, 2012 @ 7 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Hall