

Somers Cultural Commission Minutes

June 10, 2013 .

Present: Linda Abbott, Jason Hutton, Kate Hutton, Rich Mazur, Ruthie Sutter, Kathy Worcester, Jackie Haas, Kyle Charette

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted with no change.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer was absent. No final report was generated.

Correspondence:

- ASCAP contact was discussed. We will let the Town deal with this issue.

Subcommittee Reports:

Photography Show: No final report due to Janice's absence.

Summer Concerts (Rich Mazur)

- Rich reviewed the press releases that were in the JI and NCN.
- Rich distributed concert signs for each of us to take care of. He will check with Town Hall to ensure they do not get confiscated. He intends that we leave them out for the duration of concerts – 7 weeks.
- Rich will take care of signs on his side of Town. Linda took for Geissler's and 496 Main.
- Kathy will put a sign at Stebbins and Springfield, Kate will put one at PSA.
- Kate will check with the JI and Courant to see if they will do weekly press releases.
- We all took calendars and fliers to put in local businesses.
- Linda will introduce the first concert on June 20th. Kate will do July 11th, Jay will do July 18th.
- We need everyone to volunteer to take part in this as well as fund raising. Everyone is made aware of these requirements prior to joining the CC. It's important that we all do our share of the work.
- The ad in NCN was not visible enough. Disappointing.

Art Show (Linda Abbott)

- Kate completed the applications for mailing. Linda will have them printed.
- Bob Hall has produced labels and they will be sent to us this week.
- Neil Connell will prepare the applications for mailing and they will go out early in July.
- We increased the entry fee by \$5 and the portfolio fee by \$5.
- Hours were changed in an effort to capture better attendance.
- Second prize was increased by \$100.

Fund Raising (Rich Mazur)

- Rich Mazur will contact Rockville Bank, Geissler's, NETTTS, J. Larabee and Carmela. Jackie Hass will contact Shop Right, the Miller family. Linda Abbott will contact Grower Direct, Johnson Memorial, Victoria Clark. Kate Hutton will contact Dr. Nero,

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Colonial Flowers, and PSA. Ruthie will put an appeal for donations on FB and will contact her family.

- We received a check from Marina Boe. The Beautification Committee has promised a donation.
- Checks should be sent to P.O. Box 308, Attn: Cultural Commission. Checks should be made out to Somers Cultural Commission. Rich will make corrections to the letter and correct the spelling on Jackie's last name.

Fall Activity:

- Nothing new to report. "It can happen."

Fundraising Project (Ruthie Sutter)

- Ruthie talked to the KOC management about donating use of the hall for our fund-raiser.
- The KOC are willing to let us use the hall any day except Saturday as long as it's available.
- Jackie will search for the name and number of the person who sets up the 'antiques road shows' and will provide it to Linda.
- We discussed March on a Sunday afternoon as a viable option.
- We also discussed how we would run it. Rather than selling tickets to a show we discussed opening it to everyone, \$15 per item appraised. Lots of tables so people can sit and watch if desired and purchase refreshments from the KOC. We'll see what the organizer suggests.

New Business

Website (Jason Hutton): Jay mentioned that our fee is due on the website. Linda will follow up with Bob Hall to see how we go about paying this.

Next meeting: **September 9th, 2013**

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Abbott

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