

Somers Cultural Commission
Minutes of April 13, 2015 Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM

Present: J. Hutton, K. Hutton, K. Worcester, A. Levesque, P. Jones, D. Fraro, G. Lockwood, B. Hall, S. Grabierz

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the March 9 meeting were accepted with one correction. Joanne Batchelor and Pat Jones will be assisting with the Art Show.

Treasurer's Report: Not Available

Correspondence: No new correspondence.

Scholarship: Bob reviewed the scholarship applications. The group voted and selected the applicant who will receive the scholarship. Bob will coordinate with the high school, presentation of the award at a ceremony to be held later in May.

New Business

The Gene Pitney Memorial Fund has approached us to do a display of memorabilia. Kate explained that the display couldn't be permanent given Piedmont Hall wall space is used for other events. They are working to fund a music scholarship so they will be providing some material that can be distributed during the Photography Show.

Subcommittee Reports:

Summer Concert Series: All the contracts have been submitted with W-9 forms to the Finance Dept. Sandy will now set up the schedule with rain dates (where appropriate) and number of chairs needed for each entertainer and forward to Parks and Recreation.

There was some discussion on how we can bring food vendors into the concert program. Ann agreed to do some preliminary research on potential vendors. The group agreed to continue this discussion at the next monthly meeting.

Piedmont Percolator: The last performance occurred on April 12 with another excellent turnout. This year went very well with most of the events bringing in 50+ people. The planning process for next season is moving forward. There are still a few slots that need to be filled before the contracts can go out. This should be resolved in the next couple of weeks. A decision was made to change the coffeehouse hours from 7:00 - 9:00 PM to 6:00 to 8:00 PM. In addition the coffeehouse will sponsor two performers each night. This will give more artists the opportunity to participate and provide a more varied program. It's hoped these changes will encourage more people to support the coffeehouse.

Piedmont Photography Show: Kate did review the logistics of the event. April 25 & 26 10:00AM to 2:00PM will be the drop off time for entries. The following week the photographs will be hung and

judged. May 3rd 1:00PM ó 3:00 PM is the reception and awarding of prizes. Kate did ask for volunteers to support the reception with appetizers/desserts.

Art Show: Linda and Neil will be meeting in the next month or so to get the process started. P. Jones and J. Batchelor will be assisting so they can become familiar with the process.

2015 Planning: Kate did pass around a document asking Commission members to sign up for an event and a task associated with the various programs. This will give all of us a better understanding of the processes needed for the program to be a success. Kate did note that due to professional commitments she won't be able to continue with the Commission when her term is completed. Her goal is to get the members more actively involved in the various aspects of the events so they can move forward with less involvement by the Chair.

Fundraising: Tabled until next meeting due to time constraints.

Adjournment: J Hutton moved that we adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Pat Jones.. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Next Meeting: May11, 2015 7:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted
Sandra Grabierz