

Somers Cultural Commission
Minutes of May 11, 2015 Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM

Present: J. Hutton, K. Hutton, P. Jones, D. Fraro, G. Lockwood, J. Reed, A. Batchelor, S. Grabierz
Guests: Emily Santanella & Brian (sorry didn't get a last name) ó Representing the Gene Pitney Commemorative Committee.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the April 13 meeting were accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Reviewed and accepted. J. Reed also provided details on the financial process and need for W-9's when requesting payment checks.

Correspondence: K. Hutton has been invited to attend the next Rotary Club meeting to discuss the Cultural Commission goals and current initiatives.

New Business

Emily & Brian from the Gene Pitney Commemorative Committee provided details on the Gene Pitney Scholarship Foundation. This scholarship is for students pursuing a musical career. The committee would like to more actively promote this scholarship in Somers and Rockville given the connection these towns had to Mr. Pitney. They are going to be providing some memorabilia that can be displayed on the walls of Piedmont Hall. The plan is to have this installed as we begin the Coffee House series. In addition, they are going to be setting up a tent with memorabilia for sale at the Summer Concert Series. Any money raised will go directly to their foundation.

Subcommittee Reports:

Volunteer Subcommittee signup: Kate recirculated the signup list and has requested everyone signup for a program subcommittee and an administrative subcommittee. It is imperative we get a broader group of people involved in these programs/activities so everyone has a better understanding of the processes used to implement the program or activity. Moving forward we will need to identify a Team Leader for each of the subcommittees. The intent is to identify or clarify the responsibilities of each subcommittee and document the process they use to execute their tasks. This will be key to helping new Committee members understand their role and take some of the burden off of the Chair/Vice Chair. Kate will provide a rough draft of responsibilities for each subcommittee to use as a guide.

Photography Show: JoAnn reported that the number of entries and money taken in was up from last year. The judges were very impressed with the quality of entries presented.

Summer Concert Series: A copy of the schedule has been sent to Parks and Recreation and Ann Logan. The Committee is still very much interested in bringing in Food Vendors. Sandy will contact Ann to see what progress she's made. Sandy will also contact Ann Logan regarding access to the Kibbe Fuller

school. It's our understanding that some modifications have been made to the building for Emergency Preparedness (?) which may impact our ability to easily access the Restrooms. Fundraising for the concerts is behind schedule. Dan agreed to spearhead the effort with Sandy assisting.

Art Show: An initial meeting was held this month to get the planning process started. The objective is to have the call for works/application ready for July 1. A second meeting is scheduled for June.

Piedmont Percolator: Progress has been made in getting some of the entertainers identified but still some gaps in the schedule. The group will meet again next week to finalize the entertainers who will be performing. Objective is to have the schedule firmed up and contracts ready to go by June 1st.

Adjournment: J Batchelor moved that we adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by P. Jones. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Next Meeting: June 8, 2015 7:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted
Sandra Grabierz