

Cultural Commission Meeting Minutes
Piedmont Hall March 10, 1925 7:00 p.m.



Present: Pat Bachetti, Yvonne Besse, Neil Connell, Eileen Fedorowich, Dan Fraro, John Kelleher, Ann Levesque(chairperson), Dave Marti, Terri Schmidt, Tim Simone, Gail Tishler, Terri Titus

Absent: Giselle Genece

Call to order: Ann called the meeting to order at 7:05. Members pledged and saluted our flag.

Secretary's Report: February's minutes were presented and the sentence regarding Carrie Underwood was incorrect. The KC Sisters family are not friends, barely know her but reaching out as musicians and live in the same area. Terri motioned to approve minutes as corrected and Tim seconded. Approved.

Correspondence: There is no correspondence at this time. Secretary will send a thank you note to the Luty's for the beautiful donated gift baskets at our recent Coffee House. Also, a "thinking of you" to the Grower's Direct family due to their recent fire.

Treasurer's Report:

Terri reported on the Profit /Loss statement of January which wasn't available at our last meeting. \$210 to be added to the report from money made on the recent gift basket raffle and \$130 from donations at our recent Coffee House. Thank you, Terri.

Bills for approval: none at this time.

Other items for discussion, 76 attendees for the St Pat's Coffee House. Members have been together (this group) for 10 years and Ann suggested a recognition. Tim will be once again doing the "open mic" beginning in Sept-Dec. Also, will be looking for a couple other entertainers for the Coffee House. Perhaps Dee Reilly would consider doing the St Pat's Coffee House and another group for one date. Ann will check into. Decided gifting individuals will be done on a case- to- case basis and brought to the commission.

The summer concert series has two remaining dates to be filled. Many groups have increased their prices. Suggested "Cobblestone" or "Mass Confusion". Maybe "Murphy's Law with Jeanne. Ann and Tim have been viewing other groups and will check out also.

The sponsorship campaign is in full swing and need to increase sponsors. Members are encouraged to reach out to businesses they might know,

neighbors, organizations. Realize things are getting difficult but need to increase our mailing list. Tim will do the existing emails when he receives the list of businesses and other sponsors. Thank you, Tim.

Tim updated the commission and spoke about the licensing issue. Over 300 types. We just need 3 licensing organizations which Maureen from the recreation department has for events. Depends on the size of the municipality but covers the whole year plus town sponsored locations and events.

Organizations are covered under her license. \$1500-\$2000 for the 3 licensing organizations. Very strict about licensing. With can stream. They tend to be gentle on singers. If a song is 100 years old, ignored and can go anywhere, anytime. Thank you, Tim for such a good report and explanation. He will check to make sure all is in place.

Neil passed out entry forms and posters for the upcoming photography show. He explained the 3 awards in each category. Entries are April 18-19, 10-2 p.m., 1- Opening reception is May, 1-3 p.m. The show runs May 8-18 (Thurs- Sun). Pick up photos from show May 18-19, 2-3 p.m. The committee will meet April 11, 9:00.

Discussion on Food Truck at summer concert. Dave represents the Rotary Club and their scholarship program. Truck may infringe on that. Tim motioned to keep it the same and Eileen seconded. Approved.

Ann mentioned Griot, a story teller, who is an English teacher at Eastern Univ. Looking for Juneteenth and Black History month entertainers for next year. Ann will reach out to him. Giselle was not present for a report.

New heating system is being installed at Piedmont. Need for A/C at functions. Tabled till next meeting.

Adjournment at 8:25.

Next meeting April 14, Piedmont Hall, 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Pat Bachetti, secretary

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