

**Cultural Meeting Minutes Commission
Piedmont Hall April 14, 2025 7:00 p.m.**



Present: Pat Bachetti, Yvonne Besse, Eileen Fedorowich, Dan Fraro, Bob Hall,

Absent: Giselle Genece, Ann Levesque, John Kelleher, Terri Titus

Call to Order: Tim called the meeting to order at 7:02. Members pledged and saluted our flag.

Secretary's Report: The March minutes were presented and there were no corrections or additions. Terri motioned to accept and Yvonne seconded.

Approved.

There was no correspondence.

Treasurer's Report: Terri reported on the profit/loss statement ending in March and there was no discussion. April shows an increase in the sponsorships, \$6,000 as of today's date. Also went over the 2025 proposed budget. Thank you Terri for a very clear and understanding report as always.

Bills for approval: New clips were needed for the panels used at our yearly art and photography shows. Total bill is \$450. Pat motioned for payment and Tim seconded. **Approved.**

The photography show is getting ready to accept entries on April 18-19, 10-12. Pat passed the sitter's schedule around for volunteering time. Thank you all for such a good response. Discussion of opening reception and awards, food items, etc. for the event. Also, an update on a new juror for the show as our original was no longer available. Thank you, Neil for reaching out through contacts and we now have our juror for the show.

Tim updated members on the licensing status we need to stream, etc. our concerts, and other events. Thanks to Maureen, director of recreation for our community, for all her work and direction in procuring the information and process allowing this to happen for our entire town events. The license has to go through 3 sources and depends on the size of the town during this process. The license will be paid by the town and for that we are all very grateful. Thanks to Tim for your involvement and follow-up in this process.

Terri and Tim are working on the contracts for entertainers in Ann's absence. Giselle was not present so the discussion and report on the 2026 Black History Month was tabled until next meeting. Ann has a contact with a professor at a Connecticut college who is a story teller regarding black history and a possibility. Also tabled was the item of air conditioning for Piedmont Hall which Ann was looking into.

Bob Hall presented the name of the candidate and application for the Visual Arts Scholarship awarded to a high senior. Genevieve Curtis is our applicant and Bob presented her portfolio. She will be attending UCONN in their Visual Arts program. After members viewed her works, Tim motioned and Yvonne seconded that Genevieve be awarded this year's scholarship of \$1500. Thank you, Bob for your continued connection to the students at our high school.

Terri motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 and Tim seconded. Approved.

The next meeting will be held on May 12, 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Pat Bachetti, secretary

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