

**Cultural Committee Meeting Minutes  
Piedmont Hall September 8, 2025 7:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Pat Bachetti, Yvonne Besse, Eileen Fedorowich, Dan Fraro, John Kelleher, Ann Levesque, Dave Marti, Terri Schmidt, Tim Simoes, 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:** Pat thanked Tim for taking the minutes in her absence at the June meeting. Two spelling errors were cited and with the corrections Terri S. motioned to accept the minutes and Yvonne seconded. Approved.

**Correspondence:** Pat thanked members for cards and well wishes during her recovery. So appreciated. There was no correspondence.

**Treasurer's Report:** Terri S. presented the profit/loss statement as of July 31. She went over the calendar year events. She also presented the proposed 2026 budget. Very self-explanatory and clear. Thank you, Terri. Dave motioned to approve the 2026 budget and Pat seconded. Approved.

There were no bills for approval at this time.

Ann gave an update on the concerts. The summer weather was a challenge this year. We held 4 at Pleasant View, 3 at the gazebo outdoors, one at Joanna's and one at the high school. With inclement weather, it's become a challenge where to hold the concerts.

The issue of improvements at Piedmont in the future was discussed. Terri S. had drawn up a list of things from the members which they felt needed attention to give to Todd Roland. A historical building in need of attention to the windows, siding, the cupola. Perhaps air conditioning (could only use the mini splits with the wiring in the building). Todd will keep us posted as to possibilities.

The KC Sisters are set to entertain for the December Holiday Festival. The contract is done and they will be singing at the Congregational Church from 2-3:30. Fee \$1500.

Pat reported that the annual Art Show is fast approaching. We have 75 beautiful pieces of art work entered this year. The opening reception is Sunday, September 14 from 1-3 with awards presented at 1:30. She requested once

again members volunteer to sit during the show and also for baked goods for the reception.

Tim spoke about the "open mic" program and will it continue this year. It started off a little slow the first year but picked up nicely the second and had some good talent and attendance. He regrets he will not be available to run it this year. Will it continue? Will Bob Hall perhaps work the sound system? A lot of "ifs". Tabled until next meeting.

Both Ann and Tim have had some changes come up and won't be as available as they have in the past. They have both carried a lot of involvement to date and are so appreciated and thanked for all they do. They will remain on the commission which is such good news and we will continue to work as the great team that we have been.

Question of having the Coffee House again this coming winter. The members felt we should keep it as many people enjoy it and something to look forward to after the holidays. We will hold it January-February-March. Discussion will continue next meeting.

Dave motioned to adjourn and Terri seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:10.

The next meeting will be held on the first Monday, October 6 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Pat Bachetti, Secretary

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