

**SOMERS CULTURAL COMMISSION    MEETING MINUTES**  
**PIEDMONT HALL    SEPTEMBER 9,2024    7:00 p.m.**

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

**Absent: Lynne Goss, Giselle Genece**

**Call to Order: Members saluted and pledged our flag. Ann called the meeting to order at 7:05. Ann reported that due to other commitments Lynne Goss was resigning from the commission but will continue as a volunteer. Thank you Lynne for your support and help while on the commission and your continuing assistance.**

**Secretary's Report: June's report was presented with no additions or corrections. Dave motioned to accept and Tim seconded. Approved.**

**Correspondence: Eileen, Gail and Pat have completed and sent all the thank you cards to our community sponsors and friends of our spring/summer concert series.**

**Treasurer's Report: Terri presented a very clear financial report. Updated profit/loss, end of year statements for June /August as well as report of concerts and budget. Crystal clear and so appreciated. Budget holding well. Thank you Terri for another amazing report. Dave motioned to accept and Tim seconded. Approved. There were no bills at this time.**

**A new scout master is taking over the leadership of the troop. Met with Ann and told her the painting of the porch project will be completed after the Four Town Fair. A donation to the scout troop was discussed for this special needed project (floor and benches). Tim motioned to donate \$200 for the porch floor. John seconded. Approved.**

**The Art Show is fast approaching and Pat requested members assist sitting for a couple hours during the show. Also need bakers for the reception. 91 wonderful entries which Neil has once again beautifully hung for the show. The show begins on Sunday, September 15, 1-3 pm. and runs until September 29. Thank you to the committee for all the work leading up to this event. Also Ginny, Ann Fraro, and Tim for all the help with publicity.**

**We are venturing into a new project with the "Open Mic" beginning the second Saturday, October 12 from 1-3. It's exciting and Tim has worked hard to get it in motion. He has reached out to the town library, the school music teachers, the Patch, Geissler's and numerous music forums for interest and awareness. Dates of the upcoming events which will be held at the Piedmont Hall are: Oct 12, Nov 9, Dec 14 from 1-3. We will need volunteers to welcome, bake. Tim motioned for \$100 to cover expenses and Dave seconded. Approved. Tim also offered his band could perhaps play on Dec 7, the annual community Holiday Festival. He will reach out to Maureen the festival chair. Thank you Tim for all your enthusiasm and help.**

**Our concert series was a bit tough this year with the weather(rain and intense heat/humidity).We held 3 indoors at the church and also at Pleasant View and the high school. The church is very good for a single or duo entertainers with the acoustics. Discussion as to where for larger groups/bands. Tabled until next meeting. Ann will reach out to Jeff for possibility of backup at Pleasant View.**

**The container for the concert signs is working out great and so appreciated. Makes members lives easier without transporting each concert. Located at the senior center is a great spot and so close to the concert setting. Yay!!**

**We have extra ceiling tiles for the ceiling repair at Piedmont. Need to schedule.  
Tim has offered to be a technology co-chair with Ann to assist with the many jobs she does.  
So appreciated Tim.  
Ann mentioned that the next 2 meetings will be held on the first Monday due to holidays,  
Columbus Day and Veteran's Day.**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:20.  
The next meeting will be Monday, October 7 at 7:00 at 7 pm.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Pat Bachetti, secretary**

**Minutes not official until approved at a subsequent meeting.**