

AUBURN'S HISTORIC & CULTURAL SITES COMMISSION

Meeting minutes from September 12, 2012 at Tuxill House

Present: M. Alberici, J. Camardo, P. Carter, B. Chabot, S. Muldoon, C. Reilley, D. Stankus, M. Vanek

Excused: A. Fuller, D. Lamb, E. McHugh, L. Frank, J. Loperfido, K. Walker

Absent:

Guests: Susan Marteney, Tuxill House, Sheila Myers, CCCC

M. Alberici introduced Sue Marteney, co-owner of the Tuxill House, who gave a tour and information on her beautiful new B & B.

Approval of the Minutes

P. Carter read the Commission's mission and vision statements. P. Carter made a motion to accept the 7/11/12 minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by D. Stankus. **All were in favor and the motion carried.**

Approval of the Treasurer's Report

B. Murdoch reported on expenses since 7/11/12. M. Vanek made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by S. Muldoon. **All were in favor and the motion carried.**

Marketing Committee

M. Vanek shared the inquiry stats for the last 2 months. M. Vanek stated that the Seward House Museum has assembled a display that is featured in the front window of the tourism office. They did an excellent job. She invited anyone else that was interested in doing so to let B. Murdoch know. M. Vanek recently attended a meeting with the Historical Coalition of Cayuga County (H3C). The committee was interested in collaborating and cross-promoting with the Commission Member sites when future opportunities arose.

M. Vanek introduced Sheila Myers, Coordinator of Experiential Learning at Cayuga Community College. Sheila spoke of the experiential learning opportunities available to their students in partnership with community and business organizations in the region. For instance, the College has secured an AmeriCorps grant, which provides up to fifty students with \$1,175 scholarships for completing 300 hours of service in the community. This would enable a student to work 8 to 10 hrs/week at a site for the entire year. Please contact her immediately if you have any interest.

Community Outreach

B. Murdoch will be looking to have the new passport books produced in late fall and will be asking everyone to review and make any minor edits to the copy before it goes to print. As soon as your plans are finalized for Holiday Traditions, please let her know the details.

Unfinished Business

M. Vanek made a motion to accept the revised budget for the year. The motion was seconded by P. Carter. **All were in favor and the motion carried.**

M. Alberici stated that Laurel Auchampaugh had a few more characters to write about for the PODCAST. The goal is to get things completed for a launch in the spring.

Arts & Economic Prosperity Study

The link for the electronic version of the Arts and Economic Prosperity Study results is www.americansforthearts.org/economicimpact. Everyone is encouraged to utilize and disseminate the results whenever possible. M. Alberici stated that E. McHugh did a great job acquiring close to 800 surveys for the study.

New Business

First Friday events are well attended at the participating sites. They have all done a great job. J. Camardo would like to see City Hall open to the public on these days as well. J. Camardo will check with Debra McCormick at City Hall to see if arrangements can be made so they are open as well.

Announcements

S. Muldoon stated she had a good supply of the Walking Tour Brochures. If anyone would like some for their site please let her know. She would like to invite the new Auburn School Superintendent to our next meeting. Everyone agreed that would be a great idea.

M. Vanek said that the Cayuga County Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner will be held on Oct. 16, 2012 at the Holiday Inn. The keynote speaker will be Judy Randall, who will speak on the top travel and tourism trends for 2013.

The Community Preservation Committee will present a **Historic Homes Tour** and **Pasta Dinner** on Saturday, Oct. 6th. On Oct. 8th there will be an Italian American Columbus Day Concert. On Nov. 4th, a Nick Hrynyk piano concert, and Susan May will perform a musical tribute to veterans on Nov. 11th.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 a.m. by D. Stankus. The motion was seconded by M. Vanek. **The next Commission meeting will be held at the Willard Memorial Chapel, on Nov. 14, 2012.**

Recorded by Barbara Murdoch