Hanover
Ontario, Canada

CULTURAL ROUNDTABLE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Tuesday, October 8th, 2024 | 11:00am
Zoom Virtual Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT Stephen Ferguson | Bev Morgan | Ruth Linnen | Pat Butler

OTHERS PRESENT April Marshall

REGRETS

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST- Nil

DELEGATIONS: Nil

DISCUSSIONS & DECISIONS

1. **Adoption of June 5th, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes**

   Moved by S. Ferguson | Seconded by P. Butler
   THAT the minutes of the June 5th, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes be approved as printed and circulated. **CARRIED**

2. **Business Arising from Minutes- Nil**

3. **Music in the Square Debrief**

   The committee reviewed the attendance and unsolicited feedback from the season and change of day to Saturdays. Overall, members felt there was good attendance and people liked all the things going on. The opportunity to further build on community group activities and collaboration contributes to the excitement. Although concert goers are more mobile in this atmosphere and the traditional stationary audience has changed, members overall felt that continuing this day and time is a good thing and establishing the change will take time. Garnering solicited feedback of their response from the farmers' market, library and downtown association was discussed.

4. **Culture Days Review**

   Overall feedback from Culture Days activities was good. The launch of the Driftscape app was a fitting highlight that received a lot of media attention and excitement amongst the community. The need to further build recognition and excitement of the events was noted. Stephen commented that on behalf of the Hanover Community Players that they are better recognizing the opportunity to build community and show-off by participating in collaborative events like this is being realized and they are generating more ideas on what they can deliver at future events. Bev commented that the Saugeen Artists Guild members were disappointed by the low traffic at the Cultural Showcase event and would like more signage to draw people from the fall market in the square. She commented that there is a disconnect from this event and the market vendors / things happening in the square so the opportunity

to move the showcase to another date apart from the market and take advantage of being outside, in the square, was considered.

Ruth promoted the success of the Sound of Hanover concert coordinated by the Hanover Library. The event was sold out and served as a reunion for Hanover natives. There was high energy, enthusiasm and support for the performers. This was Larry Mercey's last performance, and he delivered an emotional reading and was also presented with the Library Lifetime Achievement Award. The meet-and-greet was well attended and the overall impression was of professionalism and talent.

5. Joint Cultural Roundtable September 26, 2024, Meeting & Initiatives Review

5.1.1. Saugeen Culture Bus, October 26, 2024

Members shared their pleasure with this growing network with Minto and Wellington North that has great energy and synergy. Members felt that there is excellent and united work that has great value to build on. The joint meeting provided a great opportunity to hear updates from the cultural roundtables and discuss joint efforts like the cultural symposium and receive an overview of the Tourism Growth Program that will support us working together on inclusion in the Ontario Culture Guide, Driftscape app, and the upcoming Saugeen Culture Bus Tour.

April shared plans for the bus tour which includes three buses with pickups in Arthur, Harriston and Hanover that will explore all communities and provide the experience of exploring our region's cultural gems, a distillery, museum, theatre performance, historical cemetery tour and much more. Attendees will receive delicious treats and gifts from local businesses as well.

6. Roundtable Member Updates | New Businesses

6.1. Stephen shared that Hanover Community Players first full act rehearsal happened last week for The Sound of Music and that they have applied to buy the license for Mamma Mia.

6.2. Ruth shared the library's trivia night was a great success with 86 in attendance. She explained that the library's work is building presence in the community. She highlighted the upcoming Spooky Story Trail in coordination with JDSS students. Other fundraising efforts upcoming were highlighted like Ho Ho Homicide Murder Mystery, and the Book Sale on October 24, 25, 26. They are also developing the first AI policy for libraries.

13. Correspondence- Nil

14. Adjournment

Moved by S. Ferguson
THAT the meeting by adjourned at 11:58am. **CARRIED**

Next Meeting: December 4th, 2024 @ 10:00am