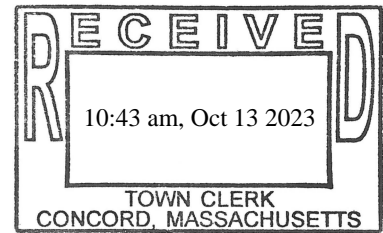


250th ART, LITERATURE & MUSIC SC  
SEPTEMBER 13, 2023 MINUTES



Pursuant to notice duly given, the Subcommittee met at the Concord Free Public Library at 26 Main Street, Concord, Mass at 9:30 am on September 13, 2023. The meeting was called to order by Di Clymer, the Chairperson.

ATTENDEES:

Present for the meeting were Sherry Litwack, Allison Shilling, Priscilla Stevens, Anke Voss, Carole Wayland, Jerry Wedge, Kate Yoder, Kate James, Tammy Rose, Sandy Harper, Jane Fisher, Andrea Roessler, Maura Clarke, CC King, Di Clymer and as Clerk, C. Thomas Swaim. Absent were Margot Kimball, Jan Turnquist, Lisa Evans and Sam Williams.

MINUTES:

On motion duly made and seconded , the Minutes of the June 7, 2023 meeting were unanimously approved.

ACTIVITIES UPDATE:

Representatives from the National Park Service will attend the next meeting to discuss themes and dates for events.

Joe Palumbo, chair of the Concord 250th Events Committee distributed a statement which provided four guidelines for planning Celebration events. His committee is not involved in planning the Patriots Day Parade. One of the goals in the Focus statement is to encourage events that highlight indigenous and black Concordians. Events should not be a rehash of prior celebration events. There was a suggestion that the Focus statement also include reference to women and the LGBTQ communities. The statement also made clear that access to all events should be easy for everyone and not cost prohibitive.

Di Clymer noted the Executive Committee has voted to hire a professional publicity consultant.

Concord Art is planning at least two exhibits one in the Spring and one in the summer of 2025, each with the assistance of a paid curator. The focus will be on freedom. Also being planned is a storytelling event and a plein air day at North Bridge in late 2023 or 2024.

The Concord Museum is planning three exhibits for 2025 and extending into 2026. Forums and lectures are also in the planning stage, one of which will be with the Mass Historical Society and the American Philosophical Society for 2025. Finally the Museum is developing a curriculum for elementary students.

The Umbrella is considering a symposium, and plays paired with indigenous artists.

Musketquid Arts is thinking about a poetry slam based on a connection between the arts, land and the environment.

Concord Women's Chorus will present a performance in May 2025 with a focus on works commissioned within the last five years.

The Concord Chorus is coordinating with the Lexington Orchestra and the Master Chorale for performances on May 11 and 12, 2025. They are also discussing a program with the Concord Conservatory of Music and the Concord Women's Chorus.

51 Walden noted that renowned pianist. Louise Bessette associated with the Montreal Conservatory of Music is proposing to play the Concord Sonata by Charles Ives in Concord sometime in 2024.

Transcendental Concord has created a sample of an "Augmented Reality" and is waiting for a response from several folks before advancing the program.

Concord Conservatory of Music has several programs in development with lectures and musicals scheduled for October 27, 2023, and April 8, 2024. It is hoped that commissioned work could be performed March 7, 2025.

In the discussion that followed it was noted that Lexington is proposing a collaborative exhibit with Concord and Arlington to create fiberglass painted horses, a couple in each town, to recognize the riders like Paul Revere, Samuel Prescott, and William Dawes as well as the form of communication in those times. More information will be gathered about this proposal.

A "Tea Party" at Boston Harbor is scheduled for December 16.

CC King will check with Sam Williams whether a poem he wrote could be the basis for a song that could become a "community song" to be sung at various Celebration events.

The next meetings of the subcommittee are scheduled for October 11, November 8 and December 13, 2023, to be held at the Library.

The meeting was closed at 10:50 am

Respectfully Submitted

  
C Thomas Swaim, Clerk.

*Approved October 11, 2023*